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## Troops, at-risk civilians get priority for flu shots in Pacific

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**Above:** Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Erick Flores of Los Angeles administers the influenza vaccine to sailors aboard the USS Kitty Hawk on Oct. 28. The immunizations are provided to all active-duty personnel to prevent the spread of the flu and to maintain servicemembers' health, military medical officials say.

**Right:** Nurse Maruja Johnson vaccinates Sam Scott, 7, against the flu at U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa. Sam, who has asthma, was one of the first children to receive the shot this year. A shortage has caused a reprioritization of those eligible to receive the vaccination, including those with chronic health conditions such as asthma.



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## States

**National park snowmobiles:** The National Park Service released a final plan Thursday for snowmobile use in Wyoming's Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks allowing limited, guided snowmobile treks in the parks for the next three winters.

The plan, which was proposed earlier, would allow for up to 720 snowmobiles a day led by guides into Yellowstone and 140 snowmobiles in Grand Teton and on the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway connecting the parks. Nearly all the snowmobiles would be required to meet new standards for noise and pollution.

**Wild condor flight:** A California condor chick born in the wild has become the first such bird to take flight in 22 years, wildlife officials said Thursday.

Hatched in April near Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, the condor took a flight of 30 feet in mid-October and soared 150 feet two weeks later. The last wild condor chick to fly in the wild was in 1982.

"The wild condor chick taking its first flight is a big step to getting back to a truly wild population," said Steve Thompson, regional operations manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Boston fan death:** Civil rights advocates angry over the death of a student hit by a pepper-spray pellet are seeking at least a temporary ban on the Boston Police Department's use of so-called "less-lethal" weapons to control crowds.

The police commissioner last week created an independent commission to investigate the Oct. 21 death of Victoria Snelgrove and review weapons like the one believed to have caused the 21-year-old's death. Snelgrove was shot in the eye during a massive celebration outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox won the American League pennant.

**Eric Rudolph trial:** Lawyers for serial bomber suspect Eric Rudolph tried to show Thursday that federal agents — not Rudolph — may have spread traces of explosives from a deadly abortion clinic bombing in Alabama to his North Carolina home.

Prosecutors have said eyewitnesses and traces of explosives found in Rudolph's home, including on a towel and chair, link him to the 1998 Birmingham bombing that killed a police officer and critically injured a nurse.

However, under defense questioning during an evidentiary hearing Thursday, agents Richard Strobel and Gregory P. Czarnopolski of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives both said they did not swab their hands to check for such traces before searching Rudolph's trailer.

**Anthrax vaccine:** The government said Thursday it is purchasing 75 million doses of a new generation anthrax vaccine under an \$87.5 million contract — the first awarded through a federal program to develop and stockpile antidotes to biological and chemical weapons.

The five-year contract with VaxGen Inc. will provide enough vaccine to treat roughly 25 million people. The company expects to begin delivery by 2006. According to the contract, the first 25 million vaccine doses would be delivered within two years and the balance within three years, said Lance K. Gordon, the company's president.

**No-fly list suit:** A Justice Department lawyer on Thursday asked a federal judge in Seattle to dismiss a lawsuit that alleges the government's handling of its "no-fly" list violates air travelers' rights.

The American Liberties Union lawsuit says the government has put in place insufficient safeguards to ensure that people with names similar to those on the list aren't treated with suspicion because of mistaken identity.

The seven plaintiffs say they have been repeatedly stopped at airports and questioned for as long as an hour before being allowed to board flights.

**Mars rovers:** As NASA's Mars rovers keep rolling past all expectations of their useful lives, scientists have a happy mystery: For some reason, one of the vehicles has actually gained power recently.

Opportunity recently experienced an unexplained rejuvenation from what can so far be described only as two or three significant "cleaning events," said Jim Erickson, the rover project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"Now we're assuming they're cleaning, but all we can really say is that overnight the solar panels produced between 2 and 5 percent additional power immediately," he said.

## World

**Sinai bomb suspects:** Five Egyptians arrested in connection with last month's Sinai

explosions have been charged with committing terrorist acts and premeditated murder, officials at the prosecutor's office said Friday.

The five were among eight Egyptians and a Palestinian implicated last month in the Oct. 7 bombings at Egyptian tourist resorts. Three car bombs exploded almost simultaneously outside the Taba Hilton hotel, just yards from Egypt's border with Israel, and two tourist camps 35 miles farther south.

The blasts killed 34 people, including Israelis, Egyptians, Italians and Russians.

**Indonesia terror trial:** Alleged Southeast Asian extremist chief Abu Bakar Bashir on Thursday accused police of arresting him on orders of President Bush, and dismissed terror charges against him as "laughable."

In a rambling defense plea read to Jakarta, Indonesia, court, the 46-year-old cleric also attacked the secular government in the world's most populous Muslim nation, accusing Indonesia of ignoring the plight of Muslims killed by U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bashir is accused of heading the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, and of inciting his followers to take part in the 2002 Bali bombings and the J.W. Marriott hotel attack last year in Jakarta. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

**Iran nuclear denial:** Iran's top leader on Friday insisted that his country was not seeking nuclear weapons because it had "devoted youth and a nation united" to rely on instead, saying U.S. accusations were aimed at preventing Iran's technological progress.

"They accuse us of seeking nuclear weapons. No sir. We are not thinking of building atomic weapons," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told tens of thousands of worshippers in his prayer sermon.

"Our nuclear weapon is this nation, is our youth. A system that has so many devoted youth and a nation united doesn't need nuclear weapons," Khamenei said.

Iran insists its nuclear activities are peaceful and geared solely toward generating electricity. The United States, pointing to Iran's vast oil reserves, contends it is running a covert nuclear weapons program.

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# Naval Pacific bases begin flu vaccinations

## Active-duty personnel, at-risk persons eligible for shot

BY GREG TYLER,  
JENNIFER H. SVAN  
AND FRED ZIMMERMAN  
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Despite the shortage of influenza vaccine this fall, active-duty personnel and others defined as high-risk continued receiving immunization through the week at U.S. military installations in Japan and Guam.

The Department of Defense supply for all military services is about 1.5 million fewer doses than projected, according to a Navy news report last week.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by one of several known influenza virus strains. It can cause mild to severe illness and, in some cases, even death.

At Sasebo's Navy Branch Medical Clinic, sailors from Commander Task Force 76 filled a hallway Thursday afternoon, receiving flu shots, one-by-one, in the upper left arm. The medicine is delivered via a short needle, resulting in little more than a weak sting.

"We all came at this appointment, so we have around 30 today, with some on leave or TDY on the ships," said Chief Petty Officer Luisto Deguzman. "And they CTF-76 ships deployed near Iraq" took the flu vaccines with them, and the shots are administered on the ship."

LT Randy Reese, a spokesman for Sasebo's clinic, said they received the vaccine about a week ago. They have enough to immunize active-duty personnel and those considered high-risk military beneficiaries.

The surgeon general of the Navy is asking healthy individuals to defer getting the flu shot this year, said Lt. Cmdr. Gene Garland of Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Navy Branch Medical Clinic, "so the limited supply of vaccine is available to help protect the most vulnerable members of our community."

Garland did not know when Iwakuni might get more vaccine, to have enough for all individuals who desire the shot.

"We are waiting for further guidance from the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on the future availability of vaccine," he said, adding that so far this fall, there have been no cases of flu on base.

"That sounds like just about the same situation we have here," said Sasebo's Reese.

The Navy follows recommended guidelines and provides flu vaccine to those needing it most, stated Capt. Charles Baxter, 7th Fleet surgeon, in the Navy report. "The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs sets medical policy for the DOD," Baxter stated. "His Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group met and prioritized this year's supply of flu vaccine. These priorities follow the guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

The Forward Deployed Naval Force sailors are considered a top priority on the DOD's list. In addition, the report noted, although voluntary for civilians, flu immunizations are mandatory for servicemembers.

DOD's priority groups for this year's flu vaccine include operational military personnel, recruits and their instructors, beneficiaries with high-risk medical conditions and health-care workers with direct patient contact.

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka scheduled shots to high-risk beneficiaries last week.

Only beneficiaries notified by the hospital are eligible for shots. Other beneficiaries they might fall within the high-risk group are advised by hospital officials to "call their primary care providers."

We have a sufficient supply of vaccine to cover over 900 high-risk population. Cmdr. Ted Carrell, director of Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine at the



### High-risk groups identified

The Department of Defense uses the following descriptions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to describe high-risk groups:

- All children aged 6-23 months.
- Adults aged 65 and older.
- Persons with underlying chronic medical conditions.
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Children aged 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Out-of-home caregivers and household members in contact with infants younger than 6 months old.

Yokosuka hospital, stated in the report. "As more vaccine is available, additional groups will be immunized."

The medical clinics in Sasebo, Iwakuni and Atsugi Naval Air Facility are branches of U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka at Yokosuka Naval Base.

At Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, the immunization clinic began administering flu vaccine the last week of October to individuals deemed high-risk under CDC guidelines.

The clinic is offering flu shots to priority individuals during regular office hours. High-risk categories at Misawa, base officials said, include people who are deploying, babies 6 to 23 months, people who are 65 and older, diabetics, steroid-dependent asthmatics and pregnant women after their first trimester.

The base received 1,000 doses of the vaccine, said Staff Sgt. Rebekah Virtue of the 35th Fighter Wing's immunization clinic. As of Thursday, the clinic had 630 doses left. Base officials estimate that 1,100 people fall into the prioritized categories and note there have been no confirmed cases of the flu reported at Misawa this fall.

Virtue said the base is not expecting to receive more flu vaccine doses.

Marine officials at Camp Fuji, Japan, haven't encountered any flu cases yet, said Jon Dahlen, a base spokesman. Deploying personnel and units are given priority for the shots, but none have been adminis-

tered at this point and no schedule has been announced.

Public affairs officials at Yokota Air Base, Japan, were unable to provide information by Friday. However, Friday's base newspaper reported that the 374th Medical Group will offer flu shots to deploying troops and high-risk residents this fall, adding that officials there could not provide a schedule yet. Camp Zamia, Japan, also was unable to provide vaccination information

by Friday, but an Army news release said the focus for vaccine supplies would be South Korea and Central Command.

On Okinawa, shots are in progress for all active-duty members who are scheduled to deploy and to Tricare Prime enrollees who meet the CDC guidelines for flu vaccinations this year," said Amanda Woodhead, a spokeswoman for U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

The hospital is providing vaccinations only to selected active-duty members, she said, and others must contact their respective medical clinics.

She said Okinawa facilities would begin vaccinating "non-Tricare Prime beneficiaries who meet the CDC guidelines on Nov. 22."

Woodhead said the supply now on Okinawa is all there is this flu season.

"We will not be getting enough vaccine to cover everyone. All excess vaccine after the high-risk population is vaccinated will

be returned to the U.S. for redistribution," she said.

Those on Okinawa who qualify for the vaccination must go to their primary care clinic. "The hours will vary depending upon the clinic and day of the week," she said.

On Guam, both the Air Force and Navy already are administering flu shots and are following CDC guidance to determine who's eligible for the limited supply.

Individuals assigned to the Navy — who qualify — may get their shot at either Naval Hospital Guam's immunization clinic or the Navy's Branch Medical Clinic during walk-in hours as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

In a written response to Stars and Stripes, Senior Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Annis, a U.S. Naval Base Guam spokesman, noted that Naval Hospital Guam also now is giving the flu shot to children 6 to 23 months old.

The clinic has been receiving about 30 patients a day for flu shots, Annis said. Navy officials estimate that more than 1,000 people assigned to the Navy on Guam fall into the at-risk categories.

"Naval Hospital Guam is confident that there is enough vaccine available to meet" flu medicine and Defense Department guidance requirements, Annis stated.

At the other end of the island at Andersen Air Force Base, the base immunization clinic began giving flu shots Thursday, according to base spokesman Master Sgt. John Hancock, who also answered questions from Stars and Stripes in writing.

People may get their shot during normal clinic hours. Those hours were not immediately available Thursday.

About 700 people fall into high-risk categories, Hancock said.

Like other installations throughout (Pacific Air Forces), we have received enough of the vaccine to immunize those in the high-risk group," he wrote. "We, like other bases, have requested more vaccinations and are hopeful they will arrive, whenever that may be."

Air Force and Navy officials on Guam reported no flu cases among military personnel, civilians and dependents to date.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class James T. Choate, right, dental surgery technician at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, receives an influenza vaccination from Petty Officer 3rd Class Trista N. James at the hospital's immunization clinic. Health-care workers were among those advised to receive vaccinations against flu this year despite a national shortage.

AMANDA WOODHEAD  
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



JENNIFER H. SWAN/Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Lawrence McKnight, with the 35th Security Forces Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan, demonstrates a hand-held laser gun that can instantly track vehicle speed and distance traveled. The squadron recently upgraded its speed-tracking equipment in hopes of reducing speeding — the No.1 cause of accidents and traffic complaints at Misawa.

# Taking aim at speeders

## Misawa base police upgrade radar equipment

BY JENNIFER H. SWAN  
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Attention motorists: The odds of getting caught speeding on base are about to go up.

By Nov. 30, the 35th Security Forces Squadron will be able to track vehicle speed and distance with near 100-percent accuracy.

With speeding being Misawa's No. 1 cause of accidents and the leading traffic complaint, the squadron is upgrading from two to six speed-trap devices: Three radar machines to be mounted inside patrol cars, and three hand-held laser guns.

The \$17,000 in equipment was purchased by the 35th Fighter Wing.

Both systems improve greatly upon the squadron's current, 10-year-old radar technology, said Staff Sgt. Lawrence McKnight.

The laser guns — called LIDAR for "Light Detection And Range" — track speed and distance with pinpoint accuracy, McKnight said.

"The error is less than 1 percent," he said.

The beam can hone in on vehicles up to 3.7 miles away, whether a motorist is approaching or driving away.

Tracking distance in addition to speed gives more information — and a stronger case when issuing a ticket, he said.

While LIDAR must be stationary, the dashboard-mounted radar is mobile and can detect speed in front of or behind the patrol car.

"If somebody's coming at the patrol car, with the mobile ones that we bought, they can pick them out while they're moving," said Senior Master Sgt. Darrin Nicholson, 35th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent.

Both LIDAR and the new radar improve on the old technology, which bounced microwave frequencies off moving objects. The microwave beam widened farther out, and "if you had a lot of traffic, it was hard to determine which vehicle" the radar was reading, Nicholson said.

"There's no doubt with this one," he said of the laser system. "This is just a pinpoint."

The squadron's message to the base community: Slow down. Security officers don't have speeding ticket quotas, McKnight noted, but speeding is a problem on base.

The number one traffic complaint around here is speed. The number one cause of accidents around here is speed — speeding too fast for conditions, especially in parking lots and school zones, Nicholson added.

Previously, only one patrol car was equipped with the old radar, Nicholson said. Now, cops can use LIDAR in their security force vehicles or while on foot patrol, since the hand-held guns operate on batteries, and three patrol cars will be mounted with new radar.

"Now everybody out there who's working law enforcement can have a radar in their hand," Nicholson said.

Security forces are still testing the new equipment — and issuing tickets during test runs if they catch speeding motorists. The squadron plans to train all its personnel and fully employ the speed-tracking tools by the end of November, Nicholson said.

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## Art auction benefit

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Edgren High School will hold an art auction to support the high school's booster club Nov. 20 at the Mutsu Officers Club. The auction starts at 7 p.m., but doors open at 5:30 p.m. for previewing.

Bidding books are \$5. The artwork to be auctioned is from Kandak's Art Gallery in Tokyo, and five pieces of art will be given as door prizes.

Call DSN 226-4377 for more information.

## Thrift shop reopens

A remodeled Navy Marine Corps Relief Society thrift store was to open 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Building 39 on Guam Naval Base, according to a Navy news release.

Retired Adm. Charles S. Abbot, NMCRS president and chief executive officer, was to be on Guam for the opening.

New store hours are Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 564-1880 for more information.

## Thanksgiving trip

MISAWA NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — Misawa's single sail or liberty program is sponsoring a trip Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27-28, to Sendai, the largest city between Misawa and Tokyo.

The price is \$75 and includes transportation and lodging. Only 25 spaces are available.

Call DSN 226-9207 for more information.

Learn more about Sendai at: <http://www.city.sendai.jp/index-e.html>.

## Sailor Sanctuary opens



Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials opened the Single Sailor Sanctuary on Guam Naval Base at 1 p.m. Friday, according to a Navy news release.

The Sanctuary, in Bldg. SB1 behind Rec 'N' Crew off Aldrich Road, is open to single sailors and geographic bachelors.

Hours are Monday to Friday, 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., according to the release.

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# Tricare completes difficult transition

Though surprise transition problems frustrated some beneficiaries, Tricare this month completed a major shift, to larger regions and performance-based contracts, to improve customer service and access to care for 9.1 million beneficiaries.

The Defense Department announced two years ago that Tricare would consolidate 12 regions into three, simplify support contracts, and impose tougher standards on contractors.

On Tuesday, Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, declared the transition complete

## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

as Humana Military Healthcare Services Inc., of Louisville, Ky., accepted beneficiaries from the final states to join the new South Region.

The new North Region, run by Health Net Federal Services Inc., of Sacramento, Calif., was completed Sept. 1. The West Region began full operations Oct. 1 with the TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp., of Phoenix providing health services and managerial support.

The contracts were awarded in August 2003. They direct no change to benefits, patient costs or the enrollment process. Still, by last summer, both contractors and beneficiaries faced unexpected problems.

In an interview, David J. McIntyre Jr., president and CEO of TriWest, discussed the challenges that began to surface last spring, at least in the West Region. TriWest's five-year, \$10.5 billion contract

is to cover 2.7 million beneficiaries across 21 states, including 16 states of the former "Central Region" that TriWest was servicing under its earlier contract.

An early priority for the new region, said McIntyre, was re-signing at least 85 percent of physicians in the Tricare network for five Pacific coast states previously managed under a contract with Health Net. The first of these states to join the region would be Oregon and Washington on June 1.

When not enough providers were signed as the date approached, TriWest sought authority from the government to roll the

old physician networks into the new region for 90 days to protect beneficiaries. When that idea was rejected, TriWest was forced to send letters to 43,000 beneficiaries advising them that they might need new doctors by June. The letter, which many patients apparently shared with their physicians, produced a wave of new contracts. But 19,600 beneficiaries did have to change doctors.

In July, California, Hawaii and Alaska came into the region, and TriWest "got absolutely crushed" with phone calls, said McIntyre.

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# Allawi: 'Window is closing' to avert assault

## Three U.S. troops killed in fighting ahead of Fallujah operations

BY JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — More than 10,000 U.S. soldiers and Marines have taken positions around Fallujah for an expected assault, as U.S. jets pummeled insurgent targets Friday and troops blocked key roads. Iraq's prime minister warned the "window is closing" to avert an offensive.

Insurgents struck back, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding five in a rocket attack. Clashes were reported at other checkpoints around the city and in the east and north of Fallujah late in the day.

For the past three nights, long convoys of American soldiers from Baghdad and Baquba have rolled onto a dust-blown base on the outskirts of Fallujah, a city that has become the symbol of Iraqi resistance. U.S. commanders here have been coordinating plans either to fight their way into

the city or isolate it from the rest of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland.

If they fight, American troops will face an estimated 3,000 insurgents dug in behind defenses and booby traps. Military planners believe there are about 1,200 hardcore insurgents in Fallujah — at least half of them Iraqis. They are bolstered by insurgent cells with up to 2,000 fighters in the surrounding towns and countryside.

In Brussels, Belgium, Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, warned that the "window is closing" to avert an assault on Fallujah, 40 miles west of the capital. Allawi must give the final go-ahead for the offensive, part of a campaign to curb the insurgency and end national elections planned for January.

Sunni clerics have threatened to boycott the election if Fallujah is attacked, and U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has warned U.S., British and Iraqi authorities that a military campaign

and "increased insurgent violence" could put elections at risk.

U.S. aircraft struck targets around Fallujah five times in 12 hours, starting late Thursday and continuing into the morning Friday. Targets included a system of barriers rigged with bombs, a command post, suspected fighting positions and a weapons cache, according to Lt. Nathan Braden of the 1st Marine Division.

Late Friday, U.S. jets went into action again, striking several targets in the Jolan sector of northern Fallujah, residents said. Jolan is considered one of the most heavily defended neighborhoods in the city.

Mortar shells exploded on a small U.S. base at Saqlawiyah west of Fallujah, the military said. U.S. troops returned fire, killing a number of insurgents, the military said.

Iraqi authorities closed a border crossing point with Syria, and

U.S. troops set up checkpoints along major routes into the city.

Marines fired on a civilian vehicle that did not stop at a checkpoint in Fallujah, killing an Iraqi woman and wounding her husband, according to the U.S. military and witnesses. The car didn't notice the checkpoint, witnesses said.

"Marines fire upon vehicles only as a last resort when verbal and visual warnings to stop fail. Such was the case today," the Marines said in a statement.

The violence came a day after two Marines were killed and four were wounded in fighting west of Baghdad. The Marine command gave no further details, citing security.

A S. soldier was killed and another wounded when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle north of Baghdad on Thursday.

Elsewhere, U.S. Cobra attack helicopters fired Friday on insurgents operating an illegal check-

point south of Baghdad, killing or wounding an "unknown number" of people, the military said.

Allawi has demanded that Fallujah hand over foreign extremists, including Jordanian terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and his followers, and allow government troops to enter the city.

"We intend to liberate the people and to bring the rule of law to Fallujah," Allawi said in Brussels after meeting with European Union leaders. "The window really is closing for a peaceful settlement."

Allawi, a secular Shiite Muslim with strong ties to the CIA and State Department, urged the Europeans to forge a "close and strategic partnership" with Iraq and called on NATO to step up plans to train 1,000 officers a year for the Iraqi military.

EU leaders responded with a nearly \$40 million offer to fund elections, including training for Iraqi vote monitors.

## Military hospital in Iraq sets up morgue, doubles staff in preparation for assault

BY JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — The combat hospital on the chief U.S. base near Fallujah has set up a morgue and doubled medical staff and supplies in preparation for an expected stream of casualties from an anticipated assault on the rebel stronghold.

"We've had 20 to 30 casualties on a given day here. We expect maybe double that on a serious day. And we can handle them," Capt. Eric Lovell, a U.S. Navy doctor, said at the base hospital, a concrete building announced by a sign saying "Cheaters of Death."

The hospital added a Marine Mortuary Affairs team last month, a unit charged with identifying dead troops, cataloging their personal effects and preparing their bodies for the flight to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware in the United States.

The morgue team counts 16 reservists trained in handling corpses of U.S. troops as well as Iraqi civil-

ians and fighters that arrive at the hospital here, said Commander Lach Noyes, a U.S. Navy surgeon. The morgue team also travels to bomb scenes to recover body parts and corpses that need to be extracted from vehicles.

In hospital parlance, those killed in action are known as "angels." In last weekend's suicide bombing of a truckload of U.S. Marines traveling south of Fallujah, the eight killed and nine injured came to the hospital. "We took care of angels and wounded on that one," Noyes said.

The hospital's daily toll is grim. Patients arrive with devastating wounds. Common procedures include amputations or stabilizing broken bones or torn organs. The surgeons and staff say they cope, knowing the soldiers need them to be steady in the face of shocking carnage.

"The first patient I had was six hours after I got here," Lovell said. "His heart was out of his chest. I said 'Whoa, that's a shaker. Welcome to Fallujah.' But I'm more confident now."



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# Envoy: Arafat between 'life and death'

By LARA SUKHITIAN

The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — Yasser Arafat's condition has not deteriorated in the last 24 hours, a hospital spokesman said Friday, but there was still no word on his diagnosis. An envoy said the Palestinian leader was in a coma "between life and death," but expressed hope of a recovery.

"The state of President Yasser Arafat's health has not worsened. It is considered stable since the previous health bulletin," Christian Estrépeur, head of communications for French military health services, said in a brief statement.

Supporters of the 75-year-old Arafat continued to hold vigil outside his Paris area hospital. Back home, anxious Palestinian leaders tried to maintain calm and keep the troubled Palestinian Authority going.

Hours before the hospital's medical update, Laila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, strongly denied persistent reports in French and Israeli media



Arafat

that Arafat was being kept alive on life support.

"I can assure you that there is no brain death," Shahid told French RTL radio. "In a coma in his mind."

know the type but it's a reversible coma. ... Today we can say that, given his condition and age, he is at a critical point between life and death."

French President Jacques Chirac added a note of caution to the many conflicting reports about Arafat's health. "I would take care about referring to a before or an after Arafat," Chirac told a news conference in Brussels.

Outside the hospital, Arafat supporters remained on edge, day and night.

"You are (are) always in our hearts," said one sign. Another evoked the ultimately failed

1990s peace process: "The man of peace who reached out to Yitzhak Rabin." Small candles flickered and a bouquet of roses lay on a portrait of Arafat on the ground.

In Gaza City, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath denied that Arafat was clinically dead or on a life support system, but voiced concern that he would have no notable improvement.

"He's in a critical condition, he's not improving and that's what is really causing our anxiety," he told Associated Press Television News. "We don't have a proper diagnosis yet. We don't know why this situation is, but it is not deteriorating either."

Since Arafat was airlifted Oct. 29 to a French military hospital from the West Bank, his condition has largely remained a mystery.

French physicians on Thursday said only that he had been rushed to intensive care after his condition became "more complex," and that he had been moved to a specialist unit there "adapted to his pathology." They did not say what that pathology was.

## New leaders may mean new chance for peace

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is preparing a strategy for resumed Mideast peacemaking that rests heavily on an emerging core of Palestinian leaders taking charge of keeping order and nurturing an embryonic government.

In his first postelection news conference Thursday, President Bush reaffirmed his intention of working for a free Palestinian state living side by side with Israel.

He initially promised to try to get that state established in 2006, but no one believes that goal is attainable in the absence of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

There is an opening, though — the projected Israeli withdrawal from all of Gaza and a handful of West Bank settlements next year, and the passing of the grizzly old Yasser Arafat could provide impetus for genuine peacemaking, provided renewed violence does not sabotage the process.

During Arafat's illness there has

been relative calm while the Palestinians set up a sort of cooperative structure key to Abbas, known popularly as Abu Mazen, and Qawia, familiarly known as Abu Ala. And the two of them were able to run a Palestinian quasi-government.

On the Israeli side, officials say the relative calm is due to the interception by Israeli forces of would-be attackers.

Steven Spiegel, a political science professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said he expects a two- or three-week period of quiet following Arafat's death. After that, Spiegel said in an interview, what the United States does will be critical.

"On the one hand, you can't go in and embrace Abu Mazen so that he appears to be our guy. On the other hand, you have to be sure he succeeds, meaning the Palestinian people see themselves as better off," Spiegel said.

— The Associated Press



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# ASEAN nations call for closer military ties

BY JOE MCDONALD

The Associated Press

**BEIJING** — Defense officials of Asia's biggest security group pledged Friday to expand military cooperation to fight terrorism, drug-trafficking and other non-traditional threats, the chairman of the meeting said.

The gathering of leaders from 24 governments in the ASEAN Regional Forum comes amid increased concern about terrorism and North Korea's nuclear program.

Delegates to the conference agreed that "using defense forces for combatting or countering non-traditional security issues is well-justified," said its chairman, Indonesian Deputy Defense Minister Sudrajat.

"Those threats include terrorism, drug-trafficking, money-laundering and weapons smuggling," said Sudrajat, who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

"We came to the consensus that we should promote cooperation ... on the issue of intelligence exchange" and sharing skills and experience, he told reporters at the end of a day of closed-door meetings.

The three-day summit, which began Friday, brings together the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and countries with interests in the region, including the United States, China, Japan, India, Russia, the two Koreas, the European Union, Australia and New Zealand.

The conference is the first of its kind for military officials from the group and

## N. Korea balks on new six-nation talks

The Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea** — North Korea doesn't expect six-nation talks on its nuclear weapons program to resume anytime soon under a second term of U.S. President Bush, a top communist envoy said in a report published Friday.

Han Song Ryol, deputy chief of North Korea's mission to the United Nations, said the nuclear talks can resume only if Bush retracts what the communist state calls a hostile U.S. policy aimed at overthrowing the Pyongyang regime.

"We have watched the North Korea policy of the Bush administration in the past four years, and we doubt there will be a turnaround in the future," Han told South Korea's liberal Hankyoreh newspaper.

"As long as the United States plans to attack us and pursues a change in our political system or maintains such a policy, six-nation talks will be a waste of time even if the talks are held," Han said.

comes after foreign ministers of the governments met in July in Jakarta.

Delegates plan to take up "the role of the armed forces in coming days in combating regional threats," said the Chinese envoy, Gen. Xiong Guangkai, deputy chief of staff of the People's Liberation Army.

The U.S. envoy for the meeting, Assistant Secretary of Defense Peter Rodman, said the group still faces the challenge of reducing tensions in a "region of military

"Only when we see evidence that the U.S. policy toward North Korea is changing substantially, such talks will be possible," he added.

Both U.S. and South Korean officials said they expected the North to return to the six-nation talks once the election was over.

Some analysts believed the North was holding out for a possible victory by Bush challenger John Kerry, who was more open to bilateral U.S.-North Korean talks, as favored by Pyongyang.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell has told South Korean officials that the North will return to six-nation talks after the U.S. election.

South Korea has urged the United States, North Korea and other members of the six-nation talks to be "more creative and realistic" to help restart the stalled talks.

build-ups and long-standing sources of potential tension," including the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Strait and competing territorial claims.

"The regional system, in our view, needs to reinforce the restraints on the use for threat of military force," Rodman said at the meeting, according to a text released by the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Late Friday, the delegates met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, who appealed to

them to promote regional peace in order to encourage economic development, said Maj. Gen. Zhang Bangdong, a spokesman for the Chinese military.

The group agreed to make the military conference the first in an annual series of such meetings for Asian-Pacific governments, Sudrajat said. Delegates were not planning to issue a formal report, he said.

The meeting includes all six governments in talks on North Korea's nuclear program, but Rodman said he didn't expect that issue to be discussed. The July meeting of foreign ministers called for a quick resolution to the nuclear standoff.

There was no immediate indication on whether the meeting touched on member Myanmar's political situation.

The foreign minister meeting called on its military rulers to "add substance" to promises to bring democracy to their country — a reflection of Western frustration with them.

The formation of the ASEAN Regional Forum reflects pioneering Asian efforts in recent years to reduce military tensions and for the first time seek joint action on terrorism and other regional problems.

China is leading efforts to arrange a new round of six-nation talks on the North Korean nuclear dispute, with no sign so far of progress toward setting a date.

The other participants are the United States, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

The last round of talks ended in July with no settlement and participants missed a September target for holding a new round after the North refused to take part.

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# Ballot counting continues in U.S.

Election officials make sure absentee votes are included in final tabulations

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — It is unfathomable to Kevin Kennedy, executive director for Wisconsin's State Board of Elections, that there are voters who think their absentee ballots aren't counted.

"The idea boggles my mind. ... It's one of those election myths out there," he said. Joe Kanefield, state election director for Arizona, shared his disbelief. "I don't know where people get that. I'm not sure where that started."

All votes are counted, whether cast at the polls or in absentia, said election officials from a dozen states interviewed since Tuesday's election. That is, of course, if the ballots arrived on time and met all legal requirements.

Yet rumors persist that absentee ballots are counted only in hotly contested races, when results are close or in the event of a recount.

Not true, said Judy Wagon, a staff member in the office of Secretary of State in Alabama. There, for example, absentee ballot tallies are listed as separate precincts.

And they're counted, even if one candidate has conceded, all officials said.

"The law says they must be counted, no matter what. Every vote counts," Wagon said. "The statistics are important and it matters to everyone. It matters to the winner and it matters to the loser."

And they matter for all of the political races. In 2000, absentee ballots reversed the outcome of a local Connecticut election.



A group of U.S. soldiers watch a TV broadcast of the presidential election at U.S. Eagle Base near Tuzla, Sarajevo, on Wednesday.

Democratic challenger Jonathan Harris was thought to have beaten the incumbent, Republican Bob Barr, by 23 votes for the West Hartford seat in that state's House of Representatives, according to Larry Perosino, spokesman for the Office of the Secretary of State.

Then, someone noticed a stack of absentee ballots inadvertently was not counted.

The inclusion put the Republican incumbent ahead in the final tally by 30 votes, Perosino said.

He doesn't know why the ballots weren't counted the first go-around. "Someone just missed them," he said.

And yet, possibly thousands of ballots from

military and civilian voters mailed Election Day won't end up in the counted statistical columns because they will fail to meet deadline requirements.

Those deadlines vary by state. Some require ballots be in precinct offices and polling stations by Election Day, others only that they be postmarked by Election Day.

The Defense Department should now focus on improving future methods to avoid what appears to be a logistical mailing snag that delayed getting ballots out, said Peter Feaver, professor of political science at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

"And I'm not sure DOD can do anything unless they allow electronic voting, and there, too, they are going to have challenges," he said.

In February, the Pentagon scrapped a pilot program that would have facilitated Internet voting for up to 100,000 overseas U.S. citizens amid criticism that programs could not guarantee a secure and tamper-proof system.

However, Congress tasked the Pentagon through the 2005 Defense Authorization Act to continue studying the issue via a program called Remote Internet Voting System Standards, said Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, a department spokeswoman. No time line is given.

Although final numbers won't be available for about three months, voter turnout in Europe and the Middle East appears lower than in the past. As of Election Day, 88,788 ballots were mailed from APO and FPO address in Europe, and 48,935 ballots were mailed from Central Command's theater of operations by Oct. 26. Pacific Command was not able to supply any numbers.

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## Bush adds Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa — President Bush added another stroke of Republican red to the electoral map by winning Iowa on Friday.

As county officials tabulated absentee and provisional ballots, totals showed Bush with 745,980 votes to Sen. John Kerry's 732,764. The number still to be counted was far too small to change the outcome of the election.

Not that Iowa's seven electoral votes mattered to Bush's overall victory — winning Ohio on Wednesday gave him the 270 electoral votes necessary for a second term. With all 50 states decided, Bush finished with 286 electoral votes and Kerry 252.

## Glitch in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An error with an electronic voting system gave President Bush 3,893 extra votes in suburban Columbus, elections officials said.

Franklin County's unofficial results had Bush receiving 4,258 votes to Democrat John Kerry's 260 votes in a precinct in Gahanna. Records show only 638 votes cast ballots in that precinct. Bush's total should have been recorded as 365.

Bush won the state by more than 136,000 votes, according to unofficial results, and Kerry conceded the election on Wednesday after saying that 155,000 provisional ballots yet to be counted in Ohio would not change the result.

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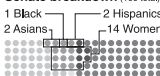
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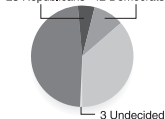
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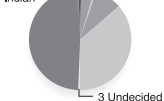
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40 Blacks



# Congress to better resemble population

BY JIM ABRAMS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The next Congress will look slightly more like the real America, with more women, Hispanics and blacks, including the first black man to enter the Senate in a quarter century.

In addition to senator-elect Barack Obama, D-Ill., only the third black ever to be elected by popular vote to the Senate, newly elected senators Ken Salazar, D-Colo., and Mel Martinez, R-Fla., will become the only Hispanic-Americans in the Senate.

The House will see the arrival of Bobby Jindal, R-La., the son of immigrants from India and only the second Indian-American to serve in Congress.

There will be 65 women in the 435-member House in the 109th Congress, including Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and 41 other Democrats and 23 Republicans. That's up five from the current Congress.

Among the newcomers are Melissa Bean, D-Ill., a 42-year-old businesswoman who unseated Rep. Philip Crane, the longest-serving member of the House, and Gwen Moore, D-Wis., the first black ever to represent Wisconsin.

The Senate will continue to have 14 women. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, narrowly survived a tough election challenge, but the other four women up for re-election — Democrats Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Barbara Boxer of California, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Patty Murray of Washington — won handily.

The Congressional Black Caucus boosted its representation in the House by three, to 40, all Democrats. That includes such veterans as Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., top Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee and John Conyers, D-Mich., senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

Blacks in Congress are still

under the 13.3 percent share of the population in general, but now make up 20 percent of House Democrats. "I think the caucus will play a major role and will be listened to very carefully," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., current head of the Black Caucus.

Cummings said Obama's election in Illinois was a "tremendous victory" that will open the door for other black candidates. "It shows that an African-American who has the right kind of message and is bright and has a lot on the ball can win in a state where it is predominantly white."

Obama, son of a black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas, will be the first African-American in the Senate since Carol Moseley Braun, D-Ill., left in 1999 and the first black man since Edward Brooke, a Massachusetts Republican who served from 1967 to 1979.

Hispanics in Congress still were well below the national population rate of 13.7 percent, but picked up one seat in the House, with 19 Democrats and four Republicans elected.

More important, Hispanics will return to the Senate for the first time since Joseph Manuel Montoya, D-N.M., was defeated in 1976.

Cuba-born Martinez was Housing and Urban Development secretary in the Bush administration before his successful run for the Senate seat from Florida, while Salazar, D-Col., replaced the retiring Colorado Republican Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the only American Indian in the Senate.

With Campbell's departure and the defeat of Rep. Brad Carson, D-Okla., in a Senate bid, the only American Indian in Congress is Tom Cole, R-Okla., a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

There are also five Asians in Congress: Hawaii's Democratic senators Daniel Akaka and Daniel Inouye and three Democratic representatives — Michael Honda and Bob Matsui of California and David Wu of Oregon.

# o Hollywood ending for celebrity activists

BY GEOFF BOUCHER  
AND ELAINE DUTKA

The Los Angeles Times

**HOLLYWOOD** — For Hollywood's part, the presidential campaign of 2004 will be remembered as a blockbuster effort that brought together a glittering all-star cast, a robust budget and an amazing soundtrack to produce... a major dud.

Sen. John F. Kerry's bid for the White House rallied A-list movie stars, savvy moguls, brand-name rock heroes and street-smart rappers to its cause. But in the end it came down to the little people — the voters — and they didn't seem particularly star-struck.

"We squandered record amounts of money," said Dan Adler, board member of Rock the Vote, the outreach effort that uses music stars to rally the youth vote. "Smart and good people, not just from Hollywood, jumped in with great ideas and great resources. People went into battle-ground states. We squandered a unit of purpose. We have nothing to show for it."

That tone was shared widely this week in Hollywood activist circles, where the Kerry defeat was taken personally: The election season saw an increase in their activism that went far beyond writing checks.

It was made up of personal-touch moments. It was the previously nonpartisan Bruce Springsteen risking fan disaffection by sharing the podium with Kerry, and Danny DeVito ferrying voters to the polls in a minivan. It was Sean "P. Diddy" Combs rallying young voters in Harlem, and Larry David walking the curbs of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Did it help? Politics and celebrity is a slippery equation. Even the stars themselves have observed that the heartland rankles at the mention of "Hollywood elite."

On the morning after the election, voices as disparate as conservative columnist George Will and the cast of "The Howard Stern Show" mused that outspoken celebrities did more harm than good.

Stern's crew said Ashton Kutcher should not be playing statesman, while Will wrote that voters were "energized by resentment" at the outpouring of stars-as-pundits.

Proof that Democrats in Hollywood were being critiqued even as they tried to make a difference came in the form of a biting satire, the film "Team America," that mocked many of the stars' points of view.

Balancing that out were many observers who felt that California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was a vital last-minute force for President Bush's victory in Ohio and that Schwarzenegger's music and speeches while at Kerry's side were factors in the Wisconsin race.

Still, producer Bruce Cohen, who won an Oscar for "A Beautiful Mind," said many in the entertainment sector would question how they could have "worked harder, spent more time, given

more money, flown farther to more swing states," but he said the celebrity activism should not be dismissed as misguided or ill-received.

Cohen said he believed voters made a distinction between fancy, star-studded events in Hollywood that raised a lot of money for politicians and the grass-roots efforts that literally landed on their front porch.

"That's different than you get a knock on your door in Cleveland and someone has flown here to talk to you," he said. "They realized that's a whole different level of commitment and responded to that."

Lynda Obst, producer of hit romantic comedies including "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," was one of many activists who had spent the election's aftermath chewing on the approaches taken

— and on what the future would hold.

"I don't think Hollywood could have done more without alienating the middle of the country," Obst said. "We raised a significant amount of money. The counterculture knocked itself out."

Filmmaker David O. Russell, who directed the politically charged film "Soldiers Pay," said celebrity speeches and Hollywood politicking would need to

become more "balanced and judicious" in order to be effective.

"When making a case, we have to approach it as a scientific, empirical thing — so carefully considered that it gives people pause," he said. "Still, as Ross Perot said, Republicans and Democrats are born and bred. How can I account for how the people in the red states think?"

Times staff writer Rachel Abramowitz and correspondent Dana Calvo contributed to this report.

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# Victims seek justice with Anti-Terrorism Act



Attorney David Strachman, left, walks out of U.S. District Court with Amical Ungar, right, from Israel, following a July 2002 hearing in federal court in Providence, R.I. Strachman represented the family of Yaron and Efrat Ungar, killed in a drive-by shooting near the West Bank by Hamas militants, in their successful lawsuits against Hamas under the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1990. The Ungars were awarded \$116 million.

BY RICHARD C. LEWIS  
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A decade before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks changed the face of terrorism for Americans, a law that allowed victims to sue terrorist organizations sat on the books, unnoticed. But with two separate lawsuits that ask for hundreds of millions of dollars from groups linked to terrorism making their way through U.S. District Courts in Rhode Island and Illinois, the Anti-Terrorism Act has been getting more attention lately.

Legal experts and scholars say the cases are promising examples of how to hold terrorist groups accountable for their actions.

Lawyers for 9/11 victims are gleaming legal arguments from them for their own lawsuits against al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden and others.

Still, the law's merit will be tested by whether the two cases can actually deliver money to the families of the dead, analysts say.

The Rhode Island lawsuit stems from the June 1996 slayings of Yaron Ungar, an American Jew, and his wife, Efrat. The couple were killed by Hamas gunmen when driving home from a wedding in Israel.

A month before, another American, 17-year-old David Boim, was gunned down by Hamas militants as he stood at a bus stop in the West

Bank. Boim's lawsuit is filed in Illinois, where some of the defendants are located.

In 2000, the families went to court for justice. Four years later, the Ungars and Boims have registered victories that their attorneys say show the law does have teeth.

The Ungars won a \$116 million judgment against Hamas when the group failed to contest the action, and are moving to collect.

They've also persuaded the court that the Palestinian Liberation Organization and its governmental entity should each pay \$116 million for providing a safe haven and operational base for Hamas.

The PLO and Palestinian Authority are appealing the ruling.

"If we can take away \$100 million from them, they have less funds to use for terrorist activities," said David Strachman, a Providence attorney and executor of the Ungars' estate.

Americans killed by militants have successfully collected before, but because they linked the group's activities to a country.

Strachman has subpoenaed U.S. Treasury officials and U.S. banks and received a court order for the British to detail any Hamas assets frozen since 2001.

Mousa Abu Marzouk, a senior Hamas political leader, gave no indication his group would pay.

Hamas appears to have little assets in America. Investigators have located about \$5.2 million tied up

with the U.S.-based charity Holy Land Foundation and another \$800,000 in domestic accounts held by two associates who spent time in the United States, according to lawyers involved in the Boim and Ungar cases and court records.

The bulk of the group's assets are abroad, said Yehudit Barsky, director of the Middle East and international terrorism division at the American Jewish Committee.

Strachman said he'll seek to have the American judgment enforced in courts overseas.

Experts are doubtful whether he'll succeed.

The Boims decided to go after Muslim charities in the United States that allegedly sent money or other support to Hamas. A jury trial in the lawsuit is scheduled to begin Dec. 1 in Chicago.

The strategy to go after charities has been copied by the 9/11 victims. Their attorneys quoted a judge's ruling from the Boim case when they filed their original complaint. The suit seeks trillions of dollars in damages from roughly 200 defendants.

One target of the Boims' \$200 million lawsuit is the Holy Land Foundation. In December 2001, President Bush ordered the Hamas assets seized.

While the lawsuits may give the families a sense of justice, Louise Richardson, a political scientist at Harvard University, said that will do little to deter terrorist organizations because their operations cost so little to carry out.

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Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School in Little Egg Harbor, N.J., is closed off Thursday after a National Guard F-16 fighter jet on a nighttime training mission strafed the school with 25 rounds of ammunition, according to authorities. No one was injured.

## In mishap, F-16 fires on school

No one injured during Air Guard night training exercise in N.J.

BY WAYNE PARRY

The Associated Press

LITTLE EGG HARBOR, N.J. — The target was an object on the ground well within the confines of the Warren Grove firing range, a 2,400-acre scrub pine expanse used by the military to train pilots in bombing and strafing techniques.

But when the heavy gun in the left wing of an Air National Guard F-16 fighter jet fired Wednesday night, it sent 25 rounds of 20mm ammunition smashing through the roof and zinging off the asphalt parking lot of the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School 3½ miles from the range.

Military investigators are trying to determine how it could have happened.

A custodian was the only person in the school when the shots hit at 11 p.m., and no one was injured.

The jet that fired the rounds was assigned to the 113th Wing of the District of Columbia Air National Guard, based at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. It returned there after the shots were fired, an Air National Guard spokesman said.

Military officials would not identify the pilot. Operations were suspended at the firing range pending completion of the investigation.

Police were called after the custodian heard what sounded like someone running across the roof.

Police Chief Mark Siano said officers who responded noticed punctures in the roof. Ceiling tiles had fallen into classrooms, and there were scratch marks in the asphalt outside.

The pilot of the single-seat jet was supposed to fire at a ground target on the firing range 3½

miles from the school, said Col. Brian Webster, commander of the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard, which is responsible for the range.

The plane was flying at 7,000 feet when the rounds were fired from the M61-A1 Vulcan cannon in the plane's left wing. The weapon fires 2-inch-long lead projectiles that do not explode, Webster said.

Webster said he did not know what caused the gun to fire.

"The National Guard takes this situation very seriously," said Lt. Col. Roberta Niedt, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "The safety of our people and the surrounding communities are our foremost concern."

Mike Dupuis, president of the township's Board of Education, said school workers are mindful that the firing range is nearby.

"Being so close to the range, that's always in the back of our minds. It is very scary. I have children in that school and relatives that work there," he said.

Schools in New Jersey were closed Thursday because of a teachers convention.

The Warren Grove range, about 30 miles north of Atlantic City, has been used by the military since the end of World War II, long before the surrounding area was developed.

In 2002, an Air National Guard F-16 that had been practicing at the range crashed along the Garden State Parkway. The plane's pilot ejected safely, and no one on the ground was hurt.

Errant practice bombs were blamed for forest fires that burned more than 11,000 acres of the Pine Barrens near the range in 1999 and more than 1,600 acres in 2002.

## Fla. slot machines approved

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A proposal that would let voters decide whether to allow slot machines at race tracks and jai alai frontons in South Florida won approval after elections officials discovered thousands of absentee voters missed in an electronically on Election Day.

The vast majority of the 79,000 absentee ballots added late in Broward County approved the initiative Thursday. That made all the difference in the outcome, swamping the narrow lead that opponents had clung to since Tuesday.

State and local elections officials said the ballot oversight was due to human error in computer programming, not a technical glitch.

A leader of No Casinos said opponents would ask Broward County for a re-count anyway, but Secretary of State Glenda Hood said that wasn't possible under state law.

Passage of Amendment 4 means Broward and Miami-Dade commissions can ask their voters in a referendum if they want to allow slot machines at seven tracks and jai alai frontons.

Floridians have opposed gambling measures on the ballot three times since 1978.

## Artificial heart patient dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man who lived more than five months with an artificial heart died of multiple organ failure, the heart manufacturer said Friday.

William Wiley, 73, was the 14th recipient of the softball-sized AbioCor artificial heart, which is made of plastic and titanium and powered by batteries.

When he received the device at Jewish Hospital in May, Wiley probably had less than two weeks to live without the implant, said Andrea TenBroek, spokeswoman for AbioMed Inc., the Danvers, Mass.-based company that makes the device.

AbioMed has said it hopes to begin marketing the AbioCor on a limited basis next year. The company filed a request for a so-called "humanitarian device" exemption from the Food and Drug Administration to begin limited commercial sales.

Of the 14 patients who received the heart in a more than 3-year-old trial, one died because of a malfunction in the device and 13 other deaths were attributed to natural causes or, in one case, to a worn-out membrane in the device, a failure doctors foresaw.

## Jazz musician Bushkin dies

LOS ANGELES — Jazz pianist and songwriter Joe Bushkin, who co-wrote Frank Sinatra's first hit and performed with some of the best jazz musicians of his time, has died of pneumonia. He was 87.



Bushkin

Bushkin died Wednesday at his Santa Barbara home, his daughter Nina Bushkin Judson said.

Bushkin performed and recorded with such jazz and big band groups as Fats Waller, Eddie Condon and Billie Holiday. As a member of the Tommy Dorsey band, he co-wrote the hit "Oh! Look at Me Now" with John DeVries. The song launched the career of a young Frank Sinatra, the band's vocalist.

During one concert, Judy Garland introduced Bushkin as "a musician's musician, but he plays awfully pretty for the people," according to daughter Christina Bushkin Merrill.

Besides daughters Christina and Nina, Bushkin is survived by his wife, Francine, daughters Tippy Bushkin and Maria Bushkin Stave, and six grandchildren.

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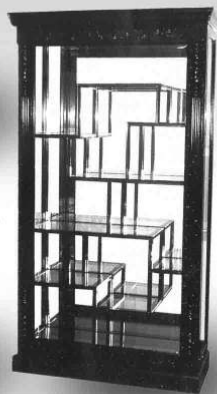
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# 'Cosmetic neurology' aims to give brains a lift

BY LAURA BEIL

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In the future, reality shows may have names such as "Extreme Makeover: Brain Edition" or "Sharp Eye for the Dumb Guy." At the beginning of each episode, viewers could learn about one hapless soul's lifelong struggles with algebra and another's desire to not be a worrywart.

By the end of the hour, the transformed contestants would be facing chess matches and prancing carefree through fields of daisies. Don't check the TV listings just yet, but the idea is not all fantasy.

Some neurologists have recently wondered whether their field is the next frontier in elective medicine. The specialty now tries to protect ailing brains from conditions such as Parkinson's disease or migraine headaches. But doctors' efforts may one day extend to normal brains.

"This is coming, and we need to know it's coming," says Dr. Arjan Chatterjee of the University of Pennsylvania. There's even a

name for the field: cosmetic neurology.

As he envisions it, cosmetic neurology could one day mean not just sharpening intelligence, but also elevating other dictates of the brain — reflexes, attention, mood and memory. Studying for the SAT? Take this drug to retain more of those pesky facts. About to report for duty at the fire station? These pills will improve your reflexes. Here's the 800 number. Ask your doctor.

These are not just theoretical musings. Last month in the journal *Neurology*, Chatterjee pointed out that drugs already exist that may have many of these effects. In one study, for example, emergency room patients given a memory-altering drug appeared to be spared some symptoms of post-traumatic stress. Another small study of pilots in flight simulators suggested that those taking Alzheimer's disease medications performed better, particularly under emergency conditions.

Chatterjee reserves opinion but says the idea speaks to the basic purpose of medical practice.

"I'm not arguing that this is a bad thing, and I'm not arguing it's a good thing." Before doctors are caught by surprise, he says, they need to be prepared. "What I'm hoping to do with this is get people talking." They are. Since the journal's publication, he has fielded steady e-mails. Some neurologists say they've already had patients asking about such medications for the mind.

Not all of Chatterjee's colleagues, though, agree that cosmetic neurology is inevitable, even if mind-improving drugs become safe and available. "There are certainly pressures that are going to push us that way," says Dr. Richard Dees of the University of Rochester.

Doctors have the power, however, to shape the future of their profession regardless.

Writing in the journal, Dees ar-

gues "as neurologists and as citizens, we can collectively control our own destinies, if we choose and if we have the will to act."

Another of his colleagues has a different take. Dr. Stephen Hauser of the University of California, San Francisco, wrote that "advances in neuroscience carry with them the likelihood, intended or otherwise, of medical applications that go well beyond the traditional goals to prevent, diagnose and treat disease."

There are other instances of doctor-provided enhancements beyond plastic surgery, says Thomas Murray, president of The Hastings Center, a Garrison, N.Y.-based bioethics research institute. Synthetic growth hormone was originally developed to help children with severe hormone deficiencies. But some parents have asked doctors to give it

because their children are simply at the low end of the normal-height bell curve. In response, endocrinologists have tried to develop strict guidelines for its use.

"The thing about surgical enhancement is we think we can more or less understand the risks," Dr. Murray says. "With drugs it gets more complicated."

Mental enhancement with drugs is not itself unethical, he says — a cup of coffee, after all, heightens alertness beyond a natural state. Few people object to caffeine, however, because it is considered safe, is inexpensive and is available to almost everyone. But other drugs might not be so clear. "There are major safety concerns," Murray said. For example, a person's personality is a blend of all traits, yet no one knows whether a drug that distorts one mental function would diminish another.

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# Obesity weighing down planes, Feds say

By DANIEL YEE  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Heavy suitcases aren't the only things weighing down airlines and requiring them to burn more fuel, pushing up the cost of flights. A new government study reveals that airlines increasingly have to worry more about the weight of their passengers.

America's growing waistlines are hurting the bottom lines of airline companies as the extra pounds on passengers are causing a drag on planes. Heavier fliers have created heavier fuel costs, according to the government study.

Through the 1990s, the average weight of Americans increased by 10 pounds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The extra weight caused airlines to spend \$275 million to burn 350 million more gallons of fuel in 2000 just to carry the additional weight of Americans, the federal agency estimated in a recent issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

"The obesity epidemic has unexpected consequences beyond direct health effects," said Dr. Deron Burton of the CDC. "Our goal was to highlight one area that had not been looked at before."

The extra fuel burned also had

an environmental impact, as an estimated 3.8 million extra tons of carbon dioxide were released into the air, according to the study.

The agency said its calculations are rough estimates, issued to highlight previously undocumented consequences of the ongoing obesity epidemic.

The estimates were calculated by determining how much fuel the 10 extra pounds of weight per passenger represented in Department of Transportation airline statistics, Burton said.

Obesity is a life-or-death struggle in the United States, the underlying cause of 400,000 deaths in 2000, a 33 percent jump from 1990.

If current trends persist, it will become the nation's No. 1 cause of preventable death, the CDC said earlier this year.

More than half — 56 percent — of U.S. adults were overweight or obese in the early 1990s, according to a CDC survey. That rose to 65 percent in a similar survey done from 1999 to 2002.

Although the Air Transport Association of America has not yet validated the CDC data, spokesman Jack Evans said the health agency's appraisal "does not sound out of the realm of reality."

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# The mental training table

## College basketball players improve court vision, skills by using video game made for fighter pilots

BY WOODY BAIRD  
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Simplice Njoya, a forward on the University of Memphis' men's basketball team, sat hunched over a laptop, testing an idea first studied on Israeli fighter pilots.

The premise: Skills he picks up playing a complex computer game can make him a better player.

"The theory is, it's going to be the weight room for the brain," said Memphis assistant coach Ed Schilling.

The on-screen action looks nothing like a basketball game, but is designed to work on the visual and decision-making skills a player needs. Basketball programs at Memphis and the University of Kentucky are testing the game to see if it gives players an edge.

Called IntelliGym, the game was created by Israeli company Applied Cognitive Engineering (ACE) Inc. The company's research supervisor, Daniel Gopher, first tested the theory with a study on Israeli pilot cadets in the 1980s.

In addition to their regular training, some cadets played a computer game aimed at improving their concentration.

Gopher and colleagues at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology said in a 1994 report that cadets who played the computer game "performed significantly better" than other trainees in subsequent test flights.

The basketball training game is different than the one used by the pilots, but ACE says it is based on the same principles. The company hopes to sell the software and support for \$5,000 to \$10,000 a season to colleges and up to \$85,000 to professional teams.

Video games are being used for everything from preparing soldiers for battle to helping surgeons improve hand-eye coordination, said Marc Prensky, author of the book, "Digital Game-Based Learning."

Daphne Bavelier, a professor of cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester, said she had not seen the ACE game but knew of Gopher's work with pilots.

The basic theories are still under study but research indicates that some video games can shorten reaction time for processing visual information, said Bavelier. She has done studies finding that young adults who played

video games had better visual skills than those who didn't.

In IntelliGym, two sets of abstract figures move constantly across a dark screen. One set is larger and egg-shaped, while the other looks like small video-game spaceships.

A player tries to attach one of the smaller figures to a larger one to steal its "energy." The player also must "shoot" to transfer power from one small figure to another as openings appear.

The game gets progressively more difficult as it's played and is individually adjusted depending on a player's strengths or weaknesses.

The idea is to increase the player's ability to focus on several things at once, recognize patterns among moving objects and make decisions quickly.

"The training runs from six to 10 weeks with two 30- to 40-minute sessions each week. Results of each player's training sessions are transmitted to a computer at ACE, then on to coaches.

Njoya said he enjoys it.

"You keep moving, so you've got to constantly deal with what's the best decision," he said. "It's like when you're driving with the ball. Who's in the open? Who's being guarded?"

Memphis coaches expect to judge the game's success by turnover rates, shooting percentages and other statistics. If a player starts picking better shots or getting more assists, it might be due, in part, to the computer game.

"If it decreases one turnover a game, that's the difference between winning or losing maybe two games in a season," Schilling said.

Memphis players have had only a few sessions with the game.

Danny Dankner, ACE's chief executive, declined to disclose details of the company's deals with the schools, but Schilling said Memphis will pay only if coaches consider the program worthwhile.

Memphis player Jeremy Hunt was not impressed.

"It's an interesting game, but it's boring once you get the hang of it," Hunt said. "I usually play sports games. This is more like a shooting game."

Schilling is happy to give IntelliGym a chance if it means an on-court edge.

"If people had told you 20 years ago that every college team was going to have a weight room and a

strength coach and this and that, you'd have said, 'Yeah, right,'" Schilling said. "Perhaps in 10 years or so, this will be standard."



University of Memphis forward Simplice Njoya, left, uses a computer program called IntelliGym on Oct. 12 in Memphis, Tenn., as assistant coach Ed Schilling looks over his shoulder.

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# Lip-synching fror: out of tune with reality?

## Artists say fans' demands for over-the-top performances fuel use of backup tracks

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It seems Ashlee Simpson will forever bear the scarlet "L" — for lip-synching.

The 20-year-old "singer" has been lampooned and shamed, held up as an example of today's style-over-substance culture — all because of one lip-synch gone famously awry on "Saturday Night Live."

Yet must Simpson bear the cross alone, while all the entertainment world goes free? Consider this:

■ Michael Jackson mouthed part of his superstar-making moment on the "Motown 25" TV show in 1983.

■ Whitney Houston's spine-chilling rendition of the "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the 1991 Super Bowl was prerecorded.

■ And perhaps the only moment when Britney Spears did not lip-synch during her recent tour was when she said hello and goodbye to her audience.

"I don't make the least bit of difference," Dick Clark, America's oldest teenager and the creator of the now-defunct "American Bandstand," said.

"Every motion picture you've seen, every 'American Bandstand' you saw, most of all MTV you see, it's all lip-synched," he said.

"[What's important is] the impression you get as an audience. If you're pleased with what you say, you give a hoot how it got to you!"

It never seemed to matter in the past.

We've all watched performances where singers dance, prance and almost do back-flips while singing — but aren't a bit out of breath. Or when they sing earnestly to a prerecorded ballad during a TV show. Or rap along to their own song, à la Eminem, also on a recent "Saturday Night Live."

Producer Jimmy Jam, who's worked with artists ranging from Janet Jackson to Usher, said he too was surprised over the Simpson incident — surprised that it was such a big deal.

"I thought everybody knew that everybody lip-synched," he said. "I just thought when you went and saw Britney Spears, you knew that she lip-synched the whole concert... They're seeing a show, and to them, that's what a show is."

Not for everyone. R&B veteran Patti LaBelle, known for her booming voice and creative improvisations, lamented that "the whole world is so phony today so people are accepting it. People are loving phonies."

Sounding hoarse from recent performances, LaBelle said she never lip-synchs at shows. But she's seen plenty of it and not just from singers with feather-light voices.

"I was surprised when I heard some of the people who were doing it," he said. "When some of the bigger stars who can sing their butts off are using some enhancements, I'm like, why?"

Steve Leeds, a former record executive at labels such as Virgin and Universal, offers an explanation: "People want to hear what's on the record. You've got to supply that expectation with whatever's necessary. Studio wizardry is definitely part of a live music show today."

Sometimes, performers just plain lip-synch. Other times they add an extra vocal of the song, and sing along to it so their voices sound fuller. Then there's live help — background singers to make the star's voice sound stronger.

And sometimes, they just want it to sound perfect.

"There's more of a premium of getting it right," said Jam. "Whitney, when she did the national anthem, which was the greatest national anthem that we ever heard, what we heard over the air was prerecorded. The reason it was prerecorded was that was a moment that no one wanted any mistake. They didn't want any feedback, they didn't want any technical difficulties... and it was great."

While Taylor Hanson of the group Hanson acknowledges that not all lip-synching performances are evil, he complains that record companies today are manufacturing artists who can't perform live even if they wanted to.

"There's so many great bands who are performing, and singing their guts out every night, and the prevalence of artists being represented... and saying, 'Hey, everyone does this, everyone sings to track,' I just think it's lowering the standard," he fumed.

"It's totally insulting to so much great music out there." But P. Diddy says the practice has become standard, especially in an era where it's become more common for entertainers to do everything but juggle onstage.

"So many people at times have used backup tracks. I just think [Simpson] was the first one that had a mishap on it. I've heard her sing live. I don't think she's doing no Milli Vanilli," he said, referring to the infamous duo that didn't even sing the vocals they were lip-synching to.

"That's the way the ball bounces," Diddy said. "I don't think she'll be the last one to sing along to a track."



Singer Patti LaBelle performs at the Democratic National Convention in Boston in July. LaBelle says she never lip-synchs at shows.

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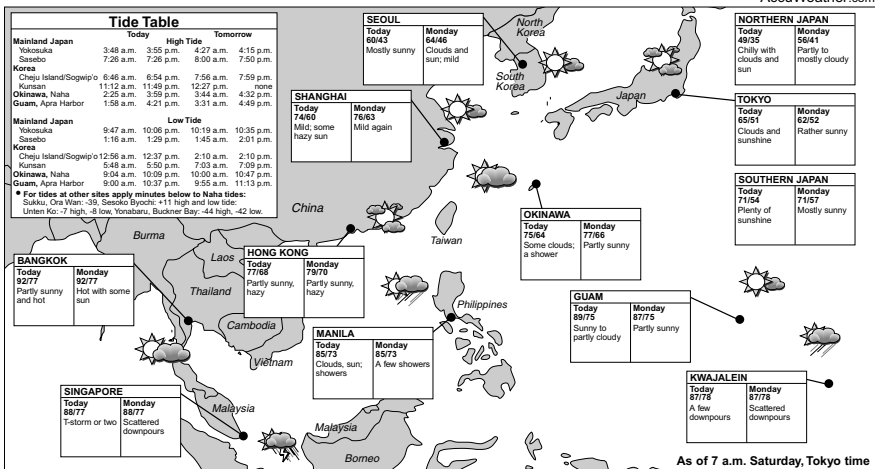


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**TOKYO**  
Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 65, low 56.  
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 67, low 58.

**KADENA**  
Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 69.  
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 82, low 71.

**SEoul**  
Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 67, low 49.  
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 68, low 45.

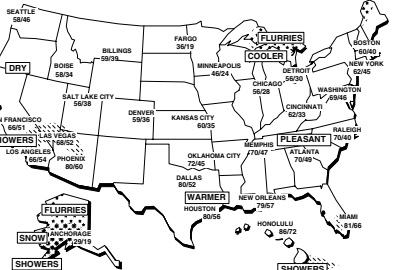
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Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 73.  
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75.

**HAGATNA**  
Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 77.  
Wednesday: Showers, high 87, low 77.

## Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	65/38	Los Angeles	69/52
Anaheim	73/37	Little Rock	63/44
Anchorage	19/5	Louisville	61/42
Ashville	59/34	Miami	86/68
Baltimore	58/40	Milwaukee	56/41
Birmingham	67/38	Nashville	61/36
Bismarck	64/32	New York	57/45
Boise	56/36	Omaha	67/39
Boston	62/40	Orlando	75/54
Brownsville	82/52	Philadelphia	58/40
Buffalo	47/41	Phoenix	86/60
Burlington	44/37	Pittsburgh	48/38
Charlotte, SC	70/44	Portland, OR	56/39
Charlotte, NC	64/36	Portland, ME	51/32
Cleveland	48/41	Salt Lake City	61/34
Columbus, OH	53/39	St. Louis	60/45
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Jacksonville	73/46	Washington	60/43
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## Sunday, November 07



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm will spin and trigger showers along the Southern California coast on Sunday. Ahead of this system, clouds will filter into the Southwest. In the Northwest, an approaching storm will bring rain to northwestern Washington; widely separated showers will form along the associated warm front over northern Montana. Meanwhile, a cold front will cause rain and some snow showers to develop across parts of the Great Lakes and western areas of the Northeast. A large area of high pressure will continue to provide the rest of the nation with dry weather. However, shower activity will return to parts of the West at the start of the workweek.

## Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/77	Iwakuni	68/51
Beijing	61/45	Kadena AB	75/64
Camp Casey	62/42	Kansan AB	64/48
Christchurch	76/56	Kijfjell	87/78
Diego Garcia	85/76	Manila	85/73
Hagatna	89/75	Misawa AB	56/36
Hanoi	82/68	Oren	63/43
Hong Kong	78/67	Perth	75/59
Honolulu	86/72	Pusan	65/52

## Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	41/27	Kabul	70/36
Buenos Aires	75/52	Kiev	45/36
Cairo	89/63	Oslo	94/68
Concun	81/68	Paris	58/48
Cape Town	75/49	Rio de Janeiro	68/59
Geneva	44/37	Mexico City	70/46
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## OPINION


## Pocketbook voting did indeed occur

**T**uesday night, as it was beginning to become clear that President Bush was winning virtually every state except some on the two coasts and around the Great Lakes, TV commentators of

**Jay Ambrose**



both left and right seemed agreed on one thing, a mistaken thing, namely that heartland Americans were voting against their economic interests.



How so? It's against the economic interests of these people to vote against tax breaks that put dollars in their pockets? Well, they didn't benefit from all those tax cuts for the rich, comes the response, which is ill-informed on two grounds.

Ground one: The tax cuts, and especially the investment tax cuts that were of large benefit to the rich, stimulated the economy, making it perform better and produce more jobs than if you had a demagogue sitting in the Oval Office, someone who thought giving a break to better-off Americans would make those with less hate you.

Ground two: Something over half of all workers now own stock, which is to say, they themselves get a break from those investment tax cuts.

As baby boomers head toward retirement in not so many years, they can hardly think it in their interests that their lifelong savings will be bled to death by tax-em-more enthusiasts. They may have been paying attention as well as to how the stock market had been responding to election news. Any time it began to look as if Sen. John Kerry might win, stocks dived under the bed.

But wait a minute, I heard a former Bill Clinton aide say on TV: Look at all the manufacturing jobs lost in Ohio — the implication being that Bush was somehow responsible. Maybe this official doesn't get what the voters get — that the economic downturn began under Clinton and was worsened by events out of Bush's control, such as the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001, and misplaced bets on high-tech companies.

Jobs have been coming back, tens of thousands of them, but we are not where we were because of such things as increased productivity in manufacturing, a frustrating fact of life in the short term, a beneficent fact of life for the economy and workers in the long term.

Despite the laggard creation of jobs, unemployment is down to a level as low as what prevailed during most of the Clinton years.

When liberals talk of addressing the economic interests of American workers they mainly mean governmental programs that are meant to boost their welfare. Problem alert. These programs often do the opposite. They siphon money out of the private economy while often proving wasteful. Economic interventionism is more often than not economic stupidity.

Some of programs that really do help are the free-trade policies that Bush advocates and that Kerry mainly opposed during his campaign, if not during portions of his Senate political career. Bush's trade record is spotty, but he has been pushing for worldwide policies that will mean more jobs in America and lower prices for

Much has been made in some quarters of the income gap between rich and poor in America, the point frequently being that the country should adopt some socialist fix of a European sort. But of course,

those socialist fixes push prosperity in a hole, and what we have in America is largely missing in Europe: social mobility, opportunities to move from a lower income status to a higher income status, something that happens all the time.

A main cause for our income gap is immigration that Europe would never allow in a thousand years. The poor flock in, then move up the income scale as years

Bush-type policies are in the interests of workers. Kerry-type policies are not, and have another disadvantage: Like anything that relies overly much on government controls, they would leave us with less liberty, less a chance, for instance, to be successful entrepreneurs without fear of a crushing tax burden said to be a "tax on the rich." Despite what TV commentators say, the middle Americans who voted for Bush voted for their pocketbooks and more than that: They voted for the right to be independent, self-reliant and free.

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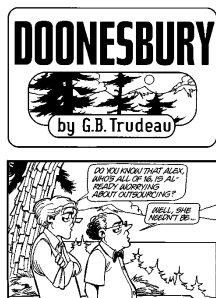
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## Laid to rest

**OH** DAYTON — Among the tiny graves on Blocker Hill, the wind echoes with the tortured cries of computer programmers.

Beneath the eight grave markers, and perhaps in a rumored unmarked grave nearby, lie remains of paper printouts of code for software that has left this mortal operating system.

The cemetery is a quirky tradition among the programmers at LexisNexis, which provides online legal and business information.

Rather than simply delete programs that are retired or replaced, they print them out for a proper send-off — not always with good regards.

"The code wakes us up in the middle of the night," said Doug Persegnetti, who recalls the many times his fellow systems engineers and technical support workers are called in the middle of the night to fix system problems.

The name Blocker Hill was picked because the outdated equipment and code represented roadblocks to the company's future.

## Ruth contract on eBay

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Now that the curse is reversed, Rhode Island philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein is joining the rush of Red Sox memorabilia sales by auctioning the original 1919 contract that sent Babe Ruth from Boston to the Yankees.

Starting bid: \$50,000 on eBay, the online auction store. The eBay descriptor calls the document "the most famous sports contract in history."

Feinstein paid \$99,000 to LeLand's Auction House in 1993 to obtain the only known copy of the agreement that fans came to believe cursed the Red Sox and their world-championship dreams.

Feinstein said all the money will go to charity, including a million-dollar national anti-hunger campaign that he has promised to endow.

## Costume gets reaction

**MI** GRAND RAPIDS — A high school student's costume garnered a top prize — and a five-day suspension — at the school's Halloween masquerade party.

The Ku Klux Klansman got top prize for the scariest costume at the City High School dance attended by the principal, assistant principal and other staff members.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said he agreed with the school's decision to suspend the student but wanted to know why adults at the party failed to stop the senior, who was wearing a white-hooded outfit, from entering, much less winning a prize.

Contacted by a newspaper, the student declined to discuss his Halloween outfit. He said school leaders advised him to keep mum.

## Pipeline ruptures, leaks

**TX** HOUSTON — A natural gas explosion shook homes in northwestern Harris County after a pipeline ruptured early Wednesday, but authorities said there were no injuries and some residents were only briefly



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evacuated.

Residents rushed from their homes in the Cypress Fairbanks suburb after hearing a series of blasts shortly after 1:30 a.m.

They reported hearing a roar like an approaching plane as the gas began leaking and a vapor cloud spread across the area.

Harris County law officers said gas began spewing from a 6-inch gash in a pipeline owned by Trunk Line Gas Co.

Law officers earlier went door to door, advising some residents living close to the leak to leave their homes. County sheriff's officers told other area residents to stay indoors with their windows closed and cut off air conditioning.

Officials were investigating how the gash occurred in the line.

## Couple arrested

**KS** WICHITA — A couple who ran a group home were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for involuntary servitude for allegedly forcing mentally ill residents to work at their farm, a judge said.

Arian Kaufman, 68, and his wife, Linda, 61, were informed of the indictment by a federal magistrate during a detention hearing for the couple in Wichita.

Prosecutor Linda Krigenstein said the Kaufmans controlled every aspect of the residents' lives, including how much they weighed and whether they could wear clothing, smoke, get mail or allowances, and sleep in beds.

The Kaufmans remain jailed until Magistrate Judge Donald Bostwick decides whether they pose a danger to the community and the former residents of the



## An entertaining guy

Eddie Bowman of Branson, Mo., entertains students at Nettle Marshall Elementary in Nacogdoches, Texas. Bowman, better known to his fans as children's author and entertainer Chester Drawers, combines music and humor in his programs to encourage children to read.

group home in Newton, in central Kansas.

Federal authorities arrested the Kaufmans last week.

## New shelter a first

**NH** LACONIA — For the first time, a federal program that lends money to rural communities is helping build an animal shelter in New Hampshire.

The Humane Society says the Agriculture Department's Rural Development program is lending it \$1.8 million to help pay for a new shelter in Laconia. It will replace an aging shelter that serves more than 2,000 animals a year.

The loan will help replace the existing shelter built in 1953 with a 13,000-square-foot center. Humane Society officials said the new shelter will be built on the six acres that houses the existing shelter buildings.

The federal Department of Agriculture Loans are made to assist rural communities develop or improve essential public community facilities at low fixed rates.

Eligibility is limited to nonprofit corporations and public bodies serving rural areas, such as fire departments, museums, libraries and health care facilities.

The shelter in Laconia is among the largest and oldest shelters in the region.

## Paramedics suit settled

**TX** HOUSTON — The City Council has approved a \$79.5 million settlement of paramedics' nine-year legal battle to collect overtime pay.

The attorney for the 2,600 paramedics who are plaintiffs in the class-action suit said Wednesday his clients would receive sums ranging from \$500 to tens of thousands of dollars, depending on how much overtime they worked without proper compensation.

In September, Mayor Bill White announced that the city would settle the lawsuit rather than continue to appeal unfavorable court decisions.

## Oystermen suing

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana oystermen have asked the state Supreme Court to restore a \$1.3 billion judgment awarded to them for a coastal restoration project that the oystermen say damaged their grounds.

The high court threw out the award last month, saying the oystermen were not legally entitled to the money.

In Wednesday's filing, the oystermen argued that the high court based that ruling not on evidence that was presented during trial, but on new evidence introduced by lawyers for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources during the appellate stages.

John Lovett, a Loyola University professor, said the Supreme Court can review evidence that was rejected by the trial judge. New affidavits, depositions and documents that were not previously introduced at trial cannot be inserted into the case at the appellate level, he said.

Separately, another group of oystermen suing the state over the Caernarvon freshwater diversion amended its lawsuit.

The oyster farmers' rights to equal protection have been violated, according to the suit.



## Swinging time

Carole Owens shows Yocum Elementary students about pendulums at Math and Science Fun Day at the Wildcat Dome on Barton Campus in El Dorado, Ark. The school's students have spent the week there. Volunteers helped with the teaching at the dome and students were broken down into small groups for the day.

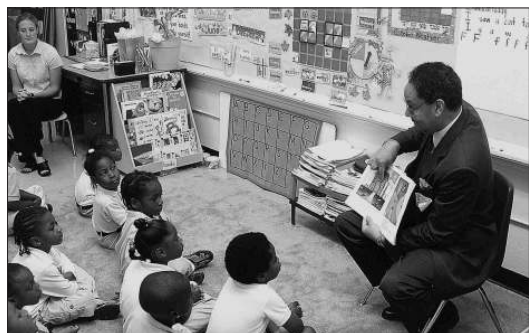


Amber waves of grass south of Great Falls, Mont., on Tuesday.

A horse runs in a pasture along Lower River Road.



**Frosty bloom** Frost rims a petunia in Oakdale Park in Salina, Kan. The low temperature Wednesday morning recorded at the Salina Journal weather site was 30.5 degrees.



**A twist on a tale** Dr. Henry L. Johnson, right, Mississippi superintendent of education, stopped at Lucy Webb Elementary School in Greenville, Miss., to read to a class of kindergartners. The book read by Johnson, "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," gives the Big Bad Wolf's version of what happened, presenting what the Wolf calls a miscarriage of justice and the legacy of wolves.



**Otter-ly adorable** Deb Copeland, lead keeper for the Rainforest in Cleveland, Ohio, cuddles with two Asian small clawed otters Tuesday. Wasabi and Lee were born at the zoo eight weeks ago; their father was born there in 2002. The otters are on the endangered species list, so their birth in captivity was especially celebrated.

#### 4 die after car hits lake

**ML** LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP — As a light rain and darkness fell, a woman driving her young daughter and two classmates to a dance concert apparently missed a sign at the edge of Long Lake warning that the road was about to end. The car plunged into 20 feet of water, drowning all four.

"There's not even a skid mark showing they tried to brake," said waterfront resident Lou Beam. "It's a shame — just hard to believe."

Authorities believe Dr. Karen Lynn Gilhooly, 46, took a wrong turn onto a road that ends at a boat launch Wednesday evening. By mistake, she turned a short distance ahead of another road that goes toward the arts center where the concert was held.

A sign warns drivers that the road ends, but it was dark and raining, police said.

The children killed were Rowan Sanford, Gilhooly's 10-year-old daughter, and classmates Sierra Fetterolf, 11, and Anna Lynn Maas, 10.

A man saw the car hit the water and called 911 with his cell phone, and rescuers rushed to the site. Anna was pulled out alive by a dive team but died Thursday at a hospital in Grand Rapids.

#### Judge rules for customer

**NH** CONCORD — A Bedford man has the right to sue the names and addresses of other Bedford residents who complained about the electric service provided by Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a judge ruled.

Brian Lamy sued the state Public Utilities Commission after it refused to provide the names and addresses of people who complained about voltage problems, claiming it was violating the state's Right-to-Know Law.

Judge John Lewis ruled that although the electric customers have some privacy interests, the public has a greater interest in evaluating the commission's performance as a regulatory agency.

"The assurance of high quality electrical service is of major interest to us all," he wrote. "Nor has the court been shown how the disclosure here at issue would likely put PSNH or any other public utility at an unfair competitive advantage."

#### Quarries become parks

**IN** BLOOMINGTON — The state will give \$41,898 to county officials to turn abandoned limestone quarries in southern Indiana into parks as early as 2006. The parks would also include hiking and climbing features.

#### Surgeon removed

**PA** ALLENTOWN — In the midst of lackluster growth in Lehigh Valley Hospital's kidney transplant program, administrators removed a surgeon who started the program more than a decade ago, officials said.

Surgeon Craig Reckard and his associate transplanted 35 kidneys this fiscal year, a significant increase over the 13 kidneys transplanted in 1992, but fewer than the 44 performed in 2002, according to hospital statistics.

"With a community this size and the age of the population, we could be doing twice as many trans-

plants," said Dr. John Fitzgibbons, a kidney specialist and chairman of medicine at the hospital. He said 70 transplants a year seemed reasonable.

Administrators held Reckard accountable for failing to attract and operate on more patients, Fitzgibbons and doctors on staff said.

#### E. coli outbreak grows

**NC** RALEIGH — At least 24 people, most of them children, have been infected with E. coli bacteria, and the outbreak might be connected to a petting zoo that was at the State Fair, authorities said.

Two of those stricken have developed a severe complication known as hemolytic-uremic syndrome, in which the number of blood platelets suddenly drops, red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys shut down. The syndrome can be life-threatening or cause permanent kidney damage.

The number of confirmed cases of E. coli infections rose to 24, and nine more cases are suspected, officials at the state Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday.

Health officials are awaiting genetic tests on some of the bacteria to see whether the cases are related. Of the 33 cases being examined, 15 have some link to the state fair, officials said. Eight people did not go to the fair, and investigators are following information from the other 10.

#### Hot air solved problem

**KS** OSWEGO — And you thought the hot air ended when Election Day arrived: Labette County election officials pulled out a hair dryer to solve a jam in an electronic scanner.

Problems started when the county clerk's office began counting 805 advance ballots just after 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Election officials tried to fix the machine and called a technician from the scanner's manufacturer, but a concerned citizen stepped up with her own idea.

Dee Brown, the sales manager at Flesch Co., a Parsons printer, suspected humidity may have swelled ballots sent by mail. She suggested a hair dryer. After a hair dryer was located, workers tried it out. Ballots still wouldn't feed into the scanner, but the situation improved.

#### Lawyer couldn't face up

**WA** SEATTLE — A former prosecutor was arrested for investigation of attempted murder after he shot and critically injured a lawyer he had been scheduled to face at a court hearing, authorities said.

Kevin Y. Jung suffered at least one gunshot wound after he pulled his Lexus sedan into the parking lot outside his quiet suburban office Wednesday morning, Bellevue police said. He was in critical condition early Thursday at Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue.

Witnesses reported the shooter's description and license plate number to officers, who tracked the plates through a rental agency to William R. Joice, a former Snohomish County deputy prosecutor.

Joice was jailed Wednesday night for investigation of attempted murder. Joice worked in the prosecutor's office from 1991-2000, said Mark Roe, the office's chief criminal deputy prosecutor. Joice had been scheduled to face Jung in a civil case, a local paper reported.

Stories and photos from wire services



## Sunday Horoscope

The Virgo moon brings some much-needed grounding, as there are no other earth-sign influences helping out this week. There's beauty in practical things, like a nutritious meal or clean house. So spend time getting things in order — this week is going to be big in terms of shaking us up with the unexpected doorbell ring or romantic trysts.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**November 7.** You'll be so grateful for what this year brings — and your gratitude helps multiply your good fortune.

Next month features the games people play, and you love a good game! Plus, you're so adept at learning the rules and strategizing to optimize results. That's why your career takes off in January. A major relationship change is featured in June. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 24, 39 and 52.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Signs of your evolution emerge. Where you were timid, you're now strong, and there's a smile where that snarl used to be. Do something out of character. Who knows, maybe you'll find out that it's now in character?

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You get a panoramic view of the big picture — leave the small details to someone else, right? Wrong! You'll find exquisite joy in handling what would normally be considered tedious. So jump in with that feather duster.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Normally, endless possibilities are delightful — however, today is anything but normal. If you've got more than three choices, you'll choose nothing. So ask for the abbreviated "menu" from loved ones and friends.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

If you've been waiting for a chance, you'll realize now that chances are not to be waited for. They're to be seized, carved out or invented. Move forward as though someone were leaving you a way in.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You know better than to borrow trouble, but sometimes, it's fun to have a little on loan. When there's a risk of becoming bored, you know just who

to call to spice things up and how far to go before you're really in danger.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sensational news is part of the fun. But even fascinating stories have their downside. You'll get a glimpse at the path you didn't take. Resist the urge to look too long for what might have been.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're not only pleasant, but it causes things to move in your life. Just as a sunbeam focused

through a magnifying glass can start a fire, when you're focused on good, goodness multiplies and takes over.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If you don't hook up with friends now, you're really missing out! Time-tested pals bring out your humor (you're comfortable enough to tap into your genius wit). Add one new person to the group and — voila! it could be love.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)

In a creative mood, you'll be further inspired by both the perfection of nature and the vivid pictures in every day life. Do something with this sizzling energy! Tonight, your dreams are prophetic.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)

People are gravitating toward your strength, and you're asked to do something that makes you feel uneasy.

In the words of spirited rocker Janis Joplin (aka a Capricorn), "Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got."

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You want to make everything around you beautiful, and you can! Affordability is a relative term. There are ways of getting around budget limitations. Stick to what you want, and don't listen to anyone who says you can't have it.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Have to be positive things over and over is a sign that maybe you're in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong person. Move yourself into different environments until you return to that sense of flow you're so used to.

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### Holiday Mathis



## Bisexual woman in tricky situation over fertilization

**Dear Abby:** I am a 20-year-old bisexual female. I am madly in love with my partner, "Darcil." I have been together for 10 short, wonderful months, but I know without a doubt in my heart that she's "the one" for me. She feels the same.

All I have ever really wanted out of life is to become a mother. I feel alone. As the reason I was born female, and I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I died without giving birth. I also don't want to become a mother in any way except the "old-fashioned way."

Darcil knows how I feel about this and says it's OK with her — she wouldn't care if I was with a man for that purpose only. But whenever we talk about it, I get the feeling that she's only agreeing because she thinks it will hurt me if she doesn't.

So my question is, should I go ahead and try to have a baby in the old-fashioned way, or just forget it and not fulfill my one and only true dream because I love her so much and don't want to lose her?

— Torn in Oregon

**Dear Torn:** This is a question you and your partner should discuss with an obstetrician/gynecologist. Surely you are aware

that you can be impregnated by artificial insemination, using donor sperm or the sperm of a donor you and Darcil know. In that way, you could fulfill your dream without having to worry about arousing any insecurities.

### Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** I was divorced after only eight years of marriage. I raised my son, "Bart," alone. We have always had a close relationship, except for the normal ups and downs during his teen years.

Bart is now a successful adult in his late 20s, working professionally in a nearby suburb. He usually calls me once or twice a week and drops by for dinner a couple of times a month. I look forward to his visits and our heart-to-heart chats.

Bart has had several girlfriends in the past, but has been dating a lovely new woman for several months. She is a sweet, bright young lady with whom I get along very well.

In recent months, whenever Bart visits, his girlfriend always comes along. She rarely joins in the conversation at home, only to sit there waiting for us to "finish" so they can be on their way. Our talks have become brief and superficial — far different from times past. I wish he would visit by himself some-

times. Am I wrong to want to see my son without her occasionally?

**Dear Maui Mama:** No, you should tell your son how you feel. It is nice that he has found a girl who is worthy of bringing home to know, but that doesn't mean she should come along on every visit.

**Dear Abby:** My cousin came crying to me. She said her husband had been having an affair. She was devastated — until I told her about an incident at my last job. My boss, "Lila," confided to me that her husband had had an affair.

She said that after she caught him cheating with her sister, she took him back and told him, "Remember this: I've got an affair coming."

From then on, he was so busy making sure she didn't cheat on him that she never had to worry about him cheating on her.

— Laughing in North Dakota

**Dear Laughing:** Your boss was a clever lady, but I hope your boss wasn't serious. One wrong is bad enough. Two wrongs not only don't make a right, but can also destroy a marriage.

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## Irresponsible for barren to let children drink alcohol at home

**Dear Annie:** A co-worker recently informed me that she allows her underage children, one as young as 15, to drink alcohol at home. She seems to think this will keep them from drinking at other places. Her attitude infuriates me.

I realize you cannot stop kids from doing certain things, but you don't have to condone it. We've been made aware of the evils of underage smoking, but no one seems to care about the kids who pass out every weekend from the alcohol-drenched parties they attend. I've never heard of someone smoking a cigarette and ending up in bed with a stranger who gets them pregnant or leaves them with an STD. Drinking causes car accidents, provokes people to abuse others and kills marriages.

How can my co-worker behave like this?

— Incensed Mother

**Dear Incensed:** Many parents do not realize that it is illegal to serve their underage children alcohol, even in their own home.

Your co-worker runs the risk of being arrested, and if a drunk child becomes injured or has alcohol poisoning, she would be held responsible. She also is being shortsighted and foolish.

When parents permit their children to engage in illegal activities at home, they are giving tacit approval for such behavior.

Children assume their parents don't care and that it's no big deal. It certainly won't stop them from drinking elsewhere. In fact, while under the misconception that they are providing a safe place for their children to crash, in reality, parents are encouraging them to get drunk and take risks. Remember — children, even teenagers, see their parents as role models.

**Dear Annie:** I met "George" two years ago. Soon after, I received a tax refund of \$4,000 and told him he could have half for a down payment on a new truck.

George took only \$500 for the down payment and arranged a monthly payment of \$350. Then he asked me for the remaining

\$1,500. I was a little upset, but to save an argument, I deposited \$1,500 into his bank account.

We were married in October of last year, and I just learned I will be inheriting \$80,000. I immediately told George he could use some of that money to pay off the balance on his truck (which is in his name only).

Now I've decided I want to use that money to buy a house, but George insists I give him the money for the truck first.

Would I be selfish if I didn't worry that George will walk out the door as soon as I pay off his truck and I'll be out \$15,000.

— Scared in California

**Dear Calif.:** What a lovely, trusting marriage you have. You made a promise to your husband, and it seems a little chintzy of you to go back on your word. We say, pay off the truck, because you promised and because you love him, and use the rest for whatever you wish. If George leaves, your marriage wasn't worth much to begin with.

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## Flying off the (tax) handle

Can you explain the origin of the phrase "fly off the handle," meaning "go into a state of sudden and violent anger"? What "handle" are people talking about?

The handle in the phrase "off the handle" is the handle of an ax.

In the pioneer days, axes were handmade, and the ax-heads were often crudely fitted to the handle.

Thus it was not uncommon to hear of, or even see, the head of

an ax flying off as the woodsman chopped away.

This sudden flying off of the head of an ax and the danger that it caused eventually came to suggest the danger or trouble that comes when people suddenly lose their tempers.

The first documented use of the phrase "off the handle" is from 1825.

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### Annie's Mailbox





## SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

## Walter Scott's Personality PARADE

Want the facts? Opinions? Truth? Write Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-5001. Full name will be used unless otherwise requested. Volume of mail makes personal replies impossible.

**Q** Nancy Sinatra recently complained, "I get no respect." What makes her feel like the late Rodney Dangerfield?

**A** Dave Wyllie, Austin, Texas.  
At age 64 — and after 30 years out of the musical spotlight, except for a 1995 album, "One More Time" — the singer is feeling a bit defensive about her comeback disc, "Nancy Sinatra." She need not worry. Nancy may be no Frank, but rock stars like Bono, Morrissey and Thurston Moore contributed songs to her new CD, which should ensure a hit.



CBS

**Dick Van Dyke won't be along for the ride this time in "Chitty."**

**Q** Any chance that Dick Van Dyke, star of the '68 film "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," will take on the role of Grandfather Potts when it comes to Broadway next year as a musical? — Carolyn Waterbury-Tieman, Lexington, Ky.  
**A** The producers asked, but Dick said he was not eager to take on a long Broadway run at 78. Instead, he'll lend his voice to Ron Howard's animated feature "Curious George," due out next year.

**Q** I understand that fitness guru Jack LaLanne turned 90 recently. What's the secret of his long life?  
— Mark Burrell, Stow, Mass.  
**A** Jack says he lives by a simple philosophy: "I can't die — it would ruin my image."

**Q** Now that Billy Bush has replaced Pat O'Brien as co-host of "Access Hollywood," will we hear more about his relationship to President Bush?  
— Sharron Lockwood, Wilton, Calif.

**A** No, Billy, 33, hates talking about his ties to the Bush family (he and the President have the same grandfather and are first cousins), because it looks as though he's trading on his famous name. In fact, it took Billy 10 years to become a star himself in the celebrity capital of L.A., where he lives with his wife Sydney. Their third child, Lillie, was born last month.

**Q** I hear Star Jones asked so many friends to be attendants at her Nov. 13 wedding, she had bridal showers on both coasts. How many bridesmaids will she have?  
— Katie Clark, Madison, Wis.

**A** Fifteen. While Star's "View" co-hosts watch from the sidelines, her attendants will include actresses Vivica A. Fox and Holly Robinson Peete. Star, 42, has been shedding pounds to fit into the gown for her wedding to banker Al Reynolds, 35, in New York. If she keeps it up, Star will be sharing clothes with Lara Flynn Boyle.

**Q** After Matt Damon and Ben Affleck made "Good Will Hunting," it looked as if Ben would outshine his pal as the bigger star. But just the opposite happened. Why?  
— Roberta D., Cleveland, Ohio

**A** Because Matt is the better actor. And unlike Ben, 32, who's stiff and unnatural onscreen, Matt, 34, comes across as a likable Everyman. That certainly was true in his two "Bourne" films. We don't think Ben's new comedy, "Surviving Christmas," will do much to enhance his image.



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**Oh, for the days of "Good Will Hunting," before we found out that Ben Affleck, left, couldn't act after all.**



Miramax

**Critics said the movie "Shall We Dance?" is disappointingly low on actual dance scenes, but at least it yielded a nice song.**

**Q** Jennifer Lopez's new film with Richard Gere, "Shall We Dance?," has a beautiful love song. Who sings it? And is it on a CD? — Rene Cua, Sheboygan, Wis.

**A** That romantic tune, "Book of Love," was written for the film by Stepin Merritt and sung by Peter Gabriel. It's on the "Shall We Dance?" soundtrack CD, along with "Let's Dance" by Mya and "Sway" by the Pussycat Dolls.

**Q** I heard that Iraq's interim president, Ghazi al-Yawer, wed his minister of public works. But isn't he already married? — Elaine Lombardo, Middleton, Mass.

**A** Yes, he has two other wives in Saudi Arabia. It's not clear if this third marriage is official yet. The most significant factor is that al-Yawer, 46, is a prominent Sunni Muslim, and the woman, Nesreen Mustafa Berwari, 37, is a prominent Kurd. Their marriage could seal an alliance between two of Iraq's important minority groups.

**Q** I miss Louis Rukeyser on CNBC. When do you think he'll return? — Karen Schneider, Riverside, Ill.

**A** Probably never. Rukeyser, 71, had routine back surgery last year at the Mayo Clinic, but the back pain persisted. While he was recovering at his home in New Jersey, a malignancy was discovered. He has undergone treatment but recently asked CNBC to suspend production of "Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street" because, he said, "I can no longer predict when I will be ready to rejoin you."



ABC

**Star Jones will have plenty of help handling her flowers at her wedding Saturday — she will have 15 attendants.**

## YOUR MONEY



A vendor in Bucharest, Romania, sells newspapers that feature coverage of the U.S. presidential election on Thursday. In the States, however, newspaper sales are struggling. A recent analysis by the Newspaper Association of America showed an overall decline in circulation among the nation's 20 biggest dailies.

## U.S. newspaper sales down

BY SUE SUTEL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Circulation declined at most major newspapers across the country in the last half year, the latest blow for an industry already rocked by a scandal involving circulation misstatements that has undermined the confidence of investors and advertisers.

The figures of four newspapers — Newsday of New York's Long Island; the Dallas Morning News; the Chicago Sun-Times and Hoy, a Spanish-language newspaper in New York — were not included in the report released Monday as part of a penalty levied by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, a publishing industry reporting group.

Overall, daily circulation at the newspapers reporting for the six-month period ended Sept. 30 declined 0.9 percent, according to an analysis of the Audit Bureau's data by the Newspaper Association of America, an industry group. Sunday circulation declined by 1.5 percent. The group also said that only one-third of the newspapers in the survey reported circulation gains.

The Audit Bureau report showed a 5.6 percent fall at the Los Angeles Times and a 2 percent drop at the Chicago Tribune. Those declines were reported last week when the parent company of both papers, Tribune Co., reported its third-quarter earnings. Tribune also owns two of the papers that were censured by the Audit Bureau for making circulation misstatements, Newsday and Hoy.

Tribune, which has put in place more stringent controls on its circulation reporting, said it had not discovered any other circulation problems beyond those already reported at Newsday and Hoy. Gannett Co.'s USA Today remained the largest-selling paper in the country with daily circulation of 2.3 million, up 2.8 percent from the comparable six-month period a year ago. The Wall Street Journal, published by financial news provider Dow Jones & Co., remained No. 2 with 2.1 million, up 0.8 percent.

John Murray, president of the NAA, said of the figures: "We're not wild about it because it shows a bit of a decrease again," but he added that the declines were in line with recent trends. He also said publishers were finding ways to keep attracting new readers despite new rules governing telemarketing such as the do-not-call lists.

"Newspapers have been very dependent on telemarketing in the past, and that's a hill to climb," said John Murray, vice president of circulation marketing at the NAA. "Newspapers are making progress, but it's uneven."

Murray said newspapers were making up for the shortfall with other methods of getting readers, including direct mail and in-person marketing techniques in public places like shopping centers.

However, the impact of the telemarketing rules

## Data on biggest papers

The Associated Press

Average daily circulation of the nation's 20 biggest newspapers for the six months ended Sept. 30, as reported Monday by the Audit Bureau of Circulations. The percentage changes are from the comparable year-ago period.

1. USA Today, 2,309,853, up 2.8 percent
2. The Wall Street Journal, 2,106,774, up 0.8 percent
3. The New York Times, 1,121,057, up 0.2 percent
4. Los Angeles Times, 902,164, down 5.6 percent
5. New York Daily News, 715,052, down 1.6 percent
6. The Washington Post, 707,690, down 3 percent
7. New York Post, 686,207, up 5.2 percent
8. Chicago Tribune, 600,988, down 2 percent
9. Houston Chronicle, 554,783, up 0.3 percent
10. San Francisco Chronicle, 468,370, down 8.5 percent
11. The Boston Globe, 451,471, up 0.2 percent
12. The Arizona Republic, 413,268, down 4.4 percent
13. The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., 400,042, down 2.1 percent
14. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 397,097, up 3.8 percent
15. Star Tribune of Minneapolis-St. Paul, 381,094, up 0.2 percent
16. The Philadelphia Inquirer, 368,883, up 0.1 percent
17. The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, 354,309, down 3 percent
18. Detroit Free Press, 348,838, down 1.1 percent
19. The San Diego Union-Tribune, 339,032, down 3.7 percent
20. The Oregonian, Portland, 337,707, up 0.9 percent

Four newspapers were not allowed to include their circulation figures in the report released Monday as a penalty for misstating circulation figures in the past: Newsday of New York's Long Island; the Dallas Morning News; the Chicago Sun-Times and Hoy, a Spanish-language newspaper in New York. The first three papers were among the top 20 papers last year.

on newspapers has been significant. As of the beginning of last year, newspapers relied on telemarketing for nearly 40 percent of all new subscriptions, and those sales have declined from 15 percent to 25 percent, according to a recent survey, Murray said.

Doug Arthur, a newspaper analyst for the Morgan Stanley investment bank, said the integrity of newspaper circulation figures remains a major concern for investors in the stocks of these companies.

"It's a big issue," Arthur said. "I suspect that the numbers here will reflect a more conservative filtering as they tighten up and get 100 percent comfortable with the numbers they're presenting to the public."

The Audit Bureau report covers 841 daily and 662 Sunday newspapers.

## Shifting health care at home

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new life through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week Ondra Mitchell talked about Triane.

On Friday morning, I stopped by Maggie's to see if she needed anything from the commissary.

I looked in the front door and saw Maggie was just cleaning up from breakfast. Little Jimmy was at the table coloring.

"Knock knock, neighbor," I said through the front screen.

"Come on in, Susie," Maggie said.

"I was just wondering if you needed anything at the commissary," I asked. "I'm heading out for my holiday food run."

Maggie stopped doing the dishes and opened up the fridge and her cupboards. She made a scrunched face as if to say she hadn't gotten that far in her day.

"It's leftover Friday night again," she replied. "I'll go sometime this weekend. Thanks anyway."

"Did you try that double chocolate cake Evelyn made last night?" I asked. "It was amazing."

"No," Maggie replied. "I stepped on the scale yesterday and thought somebody had messed with it. When that excuse didn't work, I surrendered that I packed on a few pounds."

I realized that my skirts and suits were snugger, too, since I had arrived in San Diego. I missed exercising — mainly because I didn't know where to go. Back on Whidbey Island, I knew where all the best gyms and aerobics classes were located. In San Diego I didn't have a clue. Based on my skirts, I figured five pounds must have snuck up on me since I arrived.

"I know how you feel," I said. "Anything I can do to help?"

Maggie perked up. I could almost hear the wheels turning in her head.

"Hey," she said, with a devilish smile. "You want to work out together?"

What fun, I thought.

"Sure," I replied. "But where?"

"I bet you didn't know about the weight room and aerobics classes at the base gym," she replied.

"Really?" I asked.

"Yeah," she replied. "I used to go to the night classes a couple nights a week after Jim came home. I haven't been back since I busted my ankle. There is a really fun aerobics instructor. His name is Michael, but we call him Sven."

This workout idea was starting to sound even better.

"I'm game," I said. "When do we start?"

"The only hiccup is Jimmy," she said. "We'll have to go at night in order for Jim to watch him."

"Or Jake," I quipped. "My sure he wouldn't mind."

"Before I get hurt," she said, "I was going to aerobics on Monday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m., and weight training on Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m."

"I finish work at 5," I replied. "We could drive together to work out after dinner."

"It's a deal then," Maggie said. "I'll call and sign us both up. Thanks, neighbor."

The following Monday I dusted off my exercise clothes and put them on just before Maggie came to pick me up. My workout clothes were snug, too, unfortunately.

"Don't be afraid anything," Jake kidded as I left.

I gave Jake a smug look before I left and said, "You're skating on thin ice, mister."

Next week Susie and Maggie meet Sven.

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## YOUR MONEY

## When tax deals sound too good to be true...

Q. My boyfriend is thinking of signing up with a "tax elimination" outfit. He owes about \$7,000 in back taxes from a company he owned several years ago, and he keeps looking for an easy way out. I looked on the Better Business Bureau

## Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

the company has some complaints filed against it, but the report was pretty vague. I keep telling my boyfriend that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, but he's convinced this program could work. What do you think?

A. You're obviously the brains of this outfit, so if he persists in this path at least be smart enough not to tie your finances to his.

There are legitimate companies, run by tax pros, which help people negotiate payment plans and settlements with tax authorities. Any company that says upfront it can "eliminate" your tax debt, however, is running a scam.

The IRS unfortunately lets these outfits proliferate almost unchecked for years while it worked on an internal reorganiza-

tion, but the agency has recently renewed its efforts to crack down on the fraud and collect back taxes from those who pretended they didn't owe them. Failure to pay can result in far interest charges, penalties, tax liens and even jail for persistent offenders.

State tax authorities, meanwhile, can be even more aggressive in rooting out deadbeats and so-called tax protesters. Many state budgets are tight these days, and tax agencies are actively looking for ways to beef up their collections.

So now to ask the obvious question: What are you doing with this guy? By your own description, he's someone who looks for the easy way out rather than dealing with his problems.

That doesn't describe a man of character — it describes someone who will fall for every crackpot scheme and get-rich-quick scam that comes his way. Any wealthy you try to build over time will be endangered by his lack of principals and, frankly, common

sense. You deserve better.

Q. I have worked hard to earn an excellent FICO score, but I worry that my credit card company may be undermining it. I use one rebate card for all my retail purchases, and pay it off in full monthly, carrying no balance. The card company has increased my credit limit repeatedly, to the point I could buy a new SUV on the card and still have room for my normal monthly charges. Does a high (unused) limit ever harm a credit score, and should I ask my card issuer to stop increasing my limit or reduce it to something more "reasonable?"

A. The FICO score formula likes to see a big gap between the credit limit and the amount they're actually using. So having your credit limits raised is generally a good thing for your score, not a bad thing.

Of course, your credit score isn't the only factor lenders consider when making loans.

A mortgage lender, for example, also considers your debt-to-income ratio, among other factors. If the lender decides you have too much available credit relative to your income, it may ask you to close some of your accounts.

What's considered "reasonable" may vary depending on the lender and the details of your financial situation, from how big a down payment you have to how long you've worked at your current job.

Because closing accounts and lowering credit limits can harm your score, though, it isn't something you should generally do unless a lender demands it as a condition of getting a loan. In other words, don't close accounts or lower your limits thinking it will prevent problems; it may create more.

You can always ask your lender to stop raising your limit, if the issue really concerns you. But you'll probably be fine just leaving things as they are.

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3,521.82	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,562.84	+68.29	+1.95 +1.68 +43.3
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606.42	515.99	Russell 2000	602.17	+6.80	+1.14 +0.12 +50.0
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Most Active (\$1 or more)					
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol
Alcoa	480,712	29.06	+0.01	Boeing	20,000
Amazon	487,739	34.71	+0.01	IBM	15,000
Apple	3,806,219	54.21	+0.01	Microsoft	10,000
Bank of America	27,426	27.42	+0.01	Oracle	10,000
Bank of New York	25,111	15.09	+0.01	United States Bank	10,000
Bank of West	24,001	3.40	+0.01	Wells Fargo	10,000
Bank of America	24,129	37.35	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000
Bank of America	24,129	37.35	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000
Gap	19,074	22.14	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000

AMEX					
Most Active (\$1 or more)					
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Alcoa	480,712	29.06	+0.01	Boeing	20,000
Amazon	487,739	34.71	+0.01	IBM	15,000
Apple	3,806,219	54.21	+0.01	Microsoft	10,000
Bank of America	27,426	27.42	+0.01	Oracle	10,000
Bank of New York	25,111	15.09	+0.01	United States Bank	10,000
Bank of West	24,001	3.40	+0.01	Wells Fargo	10,000
Bank of America	24,129	37.35	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000
Bank of America	24,129	37.35	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000
Gap	19,074	22.14	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000

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Most Active (\$1 or more)					
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol
Alcoa	480,712	29.06	+0.01	Boeing	20,000
Amazon	487,739	34.71	+0.01	IBM	15,000
Apple	3,806,219	54.21	+0.01	Microsoft	10,000
Bank of America	27,426	27.42	+0.01	Oracle	10,000
Bank of New York	25,111	15.09	+0.01	United States Bank	10,000
Bank of West	24,001	3.40	+0.01	Wells Fargo	10,000
Bank of America	24,129	37.35	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000
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Gap	19,074	22.14	+0.01	Bank of America	10,000

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Nov. 5)	104.90
South Korean won (Nov. 5)	1,089.00
Euro (Nov. 5)	\$1.3219
British pound (Nov. 5)	\$1.89
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.89
Canada (Dollar)	1.5702
Denmark (Krone)	5.7708
Spain (Peso)	16.2931
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.788
Hungary (Forint)	19.161
India (Rupee)	65.31
Israel (Shekel)	4.4425
Japan (Yen)	106.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.254
Norway (Krone)	6.3316
Philippines (Peso)	56.35
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7498
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6607
South Korea (Won)	1,113.30
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1676
Thailand (Baht)	41.15
U.S. Dollar	1.470,588,000
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS					
New York Merc					
Gold	Vol	Last	Chg	Silver	Vol
Gold	54,930	\$430.10	+0.10	Silver	57,371
Silver	57,371	\$7.37	+0.01	Platinum	10,000
Platinum	10,000	\$950.00	+0.01	Palladium	10,000
Palladium	10,000	\$1,100.00	+0.01	Rhodium	10,000
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## RELIGION

# Passing judgment on the commandments

## Ten Commandments

### Jewish version:

1. I the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage.
2. You shall have no other gods besides Me.
3. You shall not swear falsely by the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or ... anything that is to your neighbor's.

*Based on the Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures (Jewish Publication Society, 1985). Numbering varies by tradition.*

### Catholic-Lutheran version:

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

*"A Traditional Catechetical Formula" in Catechism of the Catholic Church (U.S. Catholic Conference, 1991).*

### Protestant version:

1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make yourself a graven image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or ... anything that is to your neighbor's.

*Based on the Book of Confessions ... Presbyterian Church USA, 1991.*

The Washington Post

BY BILL BROADWAY

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sometime in late winter, advocates for and opponents of public displays of the Ten Commandments will argue the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time in 25 years.

Litigators on both sides agree that the justices probably will set parameters on what constitutes an acceptable display of the commandments, relying partly on the court's previous decisions on the display of Nativity scenes in town squares and courthouses.

They disagree, however, on whether the existence of different versions of the Ten Commandments — reflecting theological differences among Protestants, Catholics and Jews — will or should affect the court's decision.

"No doubt it's something I'm going to emphasize," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a Duke University constitutional scholar who will appear before the court on behalf of Thomas Van Orden, a homeless man and former defense lawyer who for several years has been fighting to have a six-foot granite monument of the commandments removed from the statehouse grounds in Texas.

"My argument in part is: Is there 'a' Ten Commandments?" Chemerinsky said. If such monuments are allowed, the "choice of which one to use is a religious choice."

But Mat Staver, president and general counsel for Orlando, Fla.-based Liberty Counsel, which is representing two Kentucky jurisdictions whose framed commandment displays were ordered removed from courthouses, said, "The issue of different versions is a red herring." The King James-based list posted in the courthouses was "his" version," he said, arguing that it — like all renderings — was an abbreviated form of biblical passages.

That debate will be part of a broader First Amendment argument over whether the displays constitute government endorsement of religion or government allowance of the free expression of religion.

The court last addressed the Decalogue issue in 1980, when it struck down, 5-4, a Kentucky law that required the posting of the commandments in public school classrooms. The court ruled that the law had "no secular legislative purpose."

Since then, advocates of church-state separation have clashed with those who argue that the 1980 ruling does not prohibit all government-backed displays of the commandments. Dozens of cases have worked their way through lower courts, and many have been appealed to the Supreme Court without success.

Last week, the court decided to hear the Kentucky and Texas cases.

Those cases will rely less on the previous commandments decision and more on subsequent rulings involving Nativity scenes, litigators predicted. In 1984, the Supreme Court upheld the display of a creche on city property, ruling that religious symbols can be placed on government property as long as the displays are not "motivated wholly by religious considerations."

Such symbols also must have a secular purpose, such as being placed among other symbols, religious or otherwise, that present the cultural, historical and legal foundation of a city, county or state, the court said.

In 2001, in a possible preview of arguments to come, Chief Justice William Rehnquist quoted the 1984 case and similar creche cases in dissenting with the court's decision not to hear a case in which a monument virtually identical to the one in Texas was ordered removed from city property in Elkhart, Ind.

Joined by Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas in dis-

senting from the court's denial, Rehnquist acknowledged that the Ten Commandments are sacred texts of Judaism and Christianity but said they "have secular significance as well, because they have made a substantial contribution to our secular legal codes."

Those who argue for allowing public displays of commandments have said that the differing versions of the commandments are irrelevant because the Decalogue's role in the formation of Western jurisprudence meets the requirement for a "secular purpose."

Those who oppose the displays point to differences in content and numbering as indicators of theological disagreements that might be exacerbated by the public showing of any one version of the commandments.

Three generally accepted versions of the Ten Commandments exist, according to religious scholars: Jewish, Catholic-Lutheran and Protestant. (The Protestant version also is used by many Orthodox Christians.)

The Jewish version, often called the "Ten Utterances," presents the First Commandment as

a statement of the relationship between God and the Israelites: "I the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage." The Second Commandment, "You shall have no other gods besides Me."

The Catholic-Lutheran and Protestant versions present "I am the Lord your God" as a preface to their First Commandment, "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Jewish scholars point to what they consider a more crucial ethical and moral distinction: the Jewish translation of the Sixth Commandment as "You shall not murder." Traditional Catholic and Protestant versions say "You shall not kill" — a broader ban that might cover such social actions as capital punishment.

The two Christian versions also differ in substantive ways. The Protestant version lists, as a separate commandment, "You shall not make of yourself a graven image," a statement the Catholic version omits. Some analysts say the Protestant version arose from Reformation efforts to rid churches of statues of saints, while the Catholic version allows such statues.

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## AM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN - KANTO

#### Eagle 810

#### Morning (Sun)

1:05 Religious Programming  
9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)  
9:00 Afternoon  
12:00 American Country Countdown  
4:00 A Prairie Home Companion  
Evening  
6:00 Focus on the Family  
6:30 Travel Radio  
7:00 Dr. Laura  
8:00 Beale Street Caravan  
7:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative/Mon-Fri)  
2:00 Sports Overnight America  
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)  
4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)  
4:00 NPR's Living on Earth (Mon)

#### Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Contemporary)  
7:00 7at Harry Harvey News and Commentary  
7:20 The Afterburner  
7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
7:28 Eagle 810 News  
7:30 Zama Commanders' Corner (2nd Friday)  
Yokota Commanders' Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)  
Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (2nd Friday)

#### Evening

6:00 Beale Street (75, 85, 95)  
12:00 Afternoon  
12:25 Pacific Report  
12:30 Pacific Report  
12:31 Air Force Radio News  
12:35 Top 40 Music  
3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits)  
5:05 Pacific Report  
4:27 AFN Sportspage  
4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
Evening  
6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)  
7:00 NPR's Morning Edition Live  
Yokota Commanders' Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)  
8:00 Rush Limbaugh  
9:00 The Touch (Urban)  
Mon: Country  
Tue: Pure Gold (Oldies)  
Wed: Rock of Ages (Classic Rock)  
Thu: The Touch (Urban)  
Fri: 12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)

#### Morning (Sat)

2:00 Sports Overnight America  
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live  
8:05 Car Talk  
9:00 Kim Komando  
9:00 Classic Rock  
9:00 Oldies  
10:00 Hot AC  
12:00 Rock Deez Weekly Top 40  
4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)

#### Evening

12:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
7:00 The Touch (Urban)  
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)  
4:00 Sports Overnight America  
4:00 Adult Contemporary

#### POWER 1575

#### Morning (Sun)

7:00 NPR: All Things Considered

8:00 Rush Limbaugh  
9:00 Parent's Journal  
12:00 Chef's Table  
11:00 Sports Overnight America  
12:00 Adult Rock  
4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
Evening  
7:00 Hot AC  
12:00 The Touch (Urban)  
12:00 The Touch (Urban)  
3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
Morning (Mon-Fri)  
6:00 Morning Air Strike  
6:30 Paul Harvey News  
7:10 Morning  
7:30 Inside Inland Radio News  
8:30 Rest of the Story  
8:35 David Letterman/Leno  
9:00 Country Call Up  
10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)  
11:00 Urban Assault

#### Afternoon

10:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)  
2:00 The Afterburner  
2:30 Inside Inland Radio News  
2:34 Rest of the Story  
2:36 Pacific Report  
3:00 Paul Harvey News  
3:40 AFN Sportspage  
4:00 Departure Time

#### Evening

6:00 NPR: Fresh Air  
7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/Ohl School)  
7:00 The Mesh (Fri)  
12:00 Adult Rock  
2:00 The Touch  
Morning (Sat)  
6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
10:00 Soundbarrie  
Afternoon  
12:00 Rick Deez's Weekly Top 40

#### Evening

6:00 NPR: All Things Considered  
7:00 The Jim Rome Show  
8:00 The Touch  
12:00 Z-Rock  
12:00 Hot Jazz

### JAPAN - MISAWA

#### THE EDGE - AM 1575

#### Morning (Sun)

12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Classic Rock  
6:00 Kim Komando  
6:00 Sam Donaldson  
7:00 Religious  
9:00 Oldies  
10:00 Hot AC  
12:00 AC Country  
4:00 Adult Rock  
6:00 Prairie Home  
7:00 The Touch

#### Evening

12:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
7:00 The Touch (Urban)  
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)  
4:00 Sports Overnight America  
4:00 Adult Contemporary

#### Morning (Mon-Thu)

12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Classic Rock  
4:00 Sports Overnight America  
5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning  
9:00 Hot AC  
12:00 Classic Rock  
12:00 Classic Rock  
3:00 Edge of Afternoon Radio  
Evening  
6:00 Country  
8:00 88.8  
10:00 Hot AC  
Morning (Fri)  
12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Classic Rock  
4:00 Sports Overnight America  
5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
6:00 Matt in the Morning  
9:00 Flashback  
11:00 Hot AC  
12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Classic Rock  
4:00 Sports Overnight America  
5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
6:00 Matt in the Morning  
9:00 Flashback  
11:00 Hot AC  
12:00 Classic Rock  
4:00 Inside The Line  
3:00 That Country Show

#### Evening

6:00 Classic Rock  
8:00 88.8  
10:00 Hot AC  
Morning (Sat)  
12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Classic Rock  
4:00 Hot AC  
6:00 Oldies  
8:00 Car Talk  
9:00 Saturday Retro

#### Afternoon

12:00 Rick Deez  
3:00 NPR's Music  
5:00 Kim Komando  
Evening  
6:00 Jim Stone  
7:00 Z-Rock  
9:00 Hot AC

### JAPAN - SASEBO

#### THUNDER RADIO 1575

#### Morning (Sunday)

12:00 Top 40  
7:00 Religious Programming  
10:00 Focus on the Family  
10:30 The Environmental Show  
11:00 Savvy Traveler  
12:00 American Country Countdown  
12:00 Top 40

#### Evening

6:00 Classic Rock  
12:00 Z-Rock  
2:00 Beale Street  
Morning (Mon-Fri)  
12:00 Sports Hits  
3:00 Oldies  
5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
6:00 Morning Drive  
9:00 Country

#### Evening

12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Thu)  
12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)  
3:00 "The Rush"  
6:00 Classic Rock  
10:00 Top 40

Morning (Saturday)  
12:00 Top 40  
4:00 Classic Rock  
7:00 All Things Considered  
8:30 Edge of Afternoon Radio  
9:00 Oldies  
10:00 Car Talk  
11:00 Top 40 Show (Live)

#### Afternoon

12:00 Rick Deez American Top 40  
4:00 Australia Musica  
5:00 NPR's Weekly Edition  
7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
10:00 Australia Musica  
12:00 Oldies Radio  
4:00 Sports Overnight America

#### Evening

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4:00 Classic Rock  
7:00 All Things Considered  
8:30 Edge of Afternoon Radio  
9:00 Oldies  
10:00 Car Talk  
11:00 Top 40 Show (Live)

#### Afternoon

12:00 Rick Deez American Top 40  
4:00 Australia Musica  
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6:00 Adult Rock (cont.)  
8:00 Adult Rock  
12:00 Country  
2:00 Sports Overnight America (live)  
Evening  
7:00 Ben Mailer & Jason Smith - Sports (live)  
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#### Morning (Mon)

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)  
8:00 Adult Rock  
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### JAPAN - YOKOTA

#### FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only)

#### Z-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM

#### Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM

#### National Public Radio (News, Talk) 91.1 FM

#### Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM

#### Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM

#### The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM

#### Country 93.3 FM

#### Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM

#### Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM

#### National Public Radio

#### Morning (Sun)

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered  
8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network  
12:00 Adult Rock  
2:00 Fresh Air Weekend  
3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network  
Evening  
6:00 Morning Edition  
11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)  
12:00 The Connection (call in)  
1:00 Fresh Air  
2:00 Walt, Wait Don't Tell Me  
3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)  
5:00 All Things Considered

#### Morning (Tue-Fri)

7:00 The World  
8:00 Marketplace  
8:30 Says You (Tue/Latin USA (Wed)  
9:00 Driving (Thu) (The) Unknown





# Expansion Bobcats lose debut at home

BY JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pondering whether a close loss in their NBA debut was a moral victory for the expansion Charlotte Bobcats, Emeka Okafor did his best cheerleader impersonation.

"I guess you see those movies where everyone is like, 'Yeah! At least you guys were in there!'" he said, arms in the air and mock glee in his voice. "I guess I'd rather lose the way we did than get blown out. But I want to win."

That might take awhile. The Bobcats marked the NBA's return to Charlotte after a two-year absence with an entertaining and hard-fought 103-96 loss to the Washington Wizards on Thursday night.

"We showed our stuff. We showed we're going to fight and play hard and try to win every game," said Okafor, the No. 2 pick in the NBA Draft.

Replacing the Hornets after they moved to New Orleans in 2002, the Bobcats are expected to struggle mightily this season. Still, they were in this one late as they tried to become the third consecutive expansion team to win its NBA debut, following Vancouver and Toronto (1995).

The effort impressed Washington.

"They played really hard and have a lot of key components — it was a kind of hard to call them an expansion team," said Antawn

Jamison, who led the Wizards with 24 points. "They're got some talented guys ... they will get a lot of upsets."

Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff seemed disappointed. "We weren't good enough tonight," he said. "It wasn't because we lacked or didn't want it. Some of them may have wanted it too bad. I don't know whether any of them had stage fright."

Actually, it was just poor execution in the final quarter, when youth and inexperience were obvious.

The game was tied at 85 when turnovers and poor shot selection allowed the Wizards to go on a game-deciding 9-0 run.

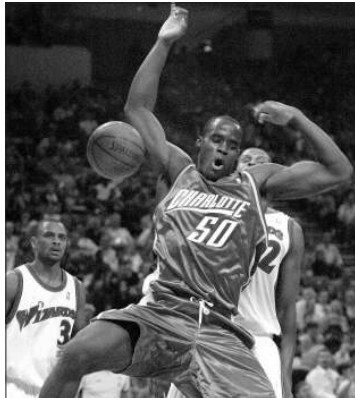
Melvin Ely lost the ball while dribbling, and Eddie House foolishly fouled Juan Dixon as he made a Washington layup. It was a three-point swing after Dixon's free throw, and the Bobcats appeared to unravel after that.

House missed a three-pointer and Steve Smith missed consecutive shots as the Wizards built a 94-85 lead with 4:14 to play.

Charlotte still had chances, sending Tanner Slay to the line trailing 96-90, but Slay missed both free throws and the Bobcats couldn't make a basket after Okafor battled for the rebound.

"They made shots and we didn't," House said. "That will come. I think we did all right for a group that hasn't been together very long."

Unlike the Hornets' first game



Charlotte Bobcats center Emeka Okafor (50) reacts after a dunk over Washington Wizards Juan Dixon (3) and Samaki Walker, right.

in 1988, when they received a standing ovation after a 40-point loss, most of the sellout crowd of 23,319 was long gone by the end. Even NBA Commissioner David Stern fled out before the final buzzer.

Gilbert Arenas added 19 points for the Wizards, Jarvis Hayes had 17, Dixon 15 and Larry Hughes scored 14.

Okafor led Charlotte with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Primoz Brezec and Smith scored 15 each, Gerald Wallace had 11 and Jason Kapono and Ely had 10 apiece.

Not everything went smoothly during the opener.

The sound system in the aging Charlotte Coliseum — where the Bobcats will play this year as their new \$265 million arena is being finished — wasn't sharp, making team owner Bob Johnson's pregame speech to the crowd difficult to hear.

Traffic outside the Coliseum was backed up three hours before the game, preventing thousands of fans from arriving in time for the 7 p.m. tipoff. When four fans holding courtside tickets finally made it in midway through the first quarter, they claimed Johnson and rapper Nelly were sitting in their seats.

# Nuggets squeak by in overtime

The Associated Press

DENVER — A raucous crowd, plenty of pushing and shoving, and even more jawing: The rematch between Denver and Minnesota sure looked a whole lot like last year's playoff series.

One difference: The Nuggets won. Earl Boykins hit a jumper with 0.8 seconds left in overtime and Carmelo Anthony had 19 points and 14 rebounds to help the Denver Nuggets win their home opener 94-92 over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Thursday night.

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"We played tonight like a team that wasn't afraid," said Boykins, who finished with 14 points and six assists.

Denver had trouble shooting in its first game without Voshon Lenard, who tore his Achilles' tendon in Tuesday night's season opener against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Nuggets shot just 38 percent against a variety of Timberwolves' defenses and missed straight attempts in overtime before Boykins' winner from the wing.

But the Nuggets found a way to pull it out after the disappointing loss to the Lakers, getting 18 points and 13 rebounds from Kenyon Martin in his home debut with Denver and 19 points from Andre Miller.

"It was a gutsy win by our basketball team," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik said.

"They kept hanging in there and fought through it."

Kevin Garnett had 25 points, 15 rebounds, seven assists and five blocked shots, but he couldn't come through on Minnesota's final shot. Last year's NBA MVP was short on a turnaround jumper after tying the game at 88 on a jump hook with 10.5 seconds left

in regulation.

"I thought I had a pretty clean look at it," Garnett said. "It felt good when it left my hand, but I just missed it."

Trenton Hassell scored 17 points and hassled Anthony most of the night — just as he did in last season's playoffs. Denver's second-year star was just 5-for-25 and came up short on Denver's final shot in regulation.

**Heat 92, Cavaliers 86:** Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points and nine rebounds in his home debut with his new team and Dwyane Wade scored 28 points as Miami beat Cleveland before 20,235 Shaq-crazed fans — the largest crowd to see a Heat home game.

Coming off Wednesday's 29-point victory at New Jersey, the Heat never trailed and improved to 2-0 for the fourth time in their 17-year history.

Drew Gooden scored 24 points and LeBron James had 21 points and eight rebounds for Cleveland (0-2).

Shoving no ill effects of the strained left hamstring that bothered him throughout training camp, O'Neal played 32 minutes and shot 7-for-17 from the floor.

# Sex assault trial for Hall of Famer Murphy begins

BY PAM EASTON  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The sexual assault case against former NBA star Calvin Murphy was the result of hatred, revenge and a fight over money, his lawyer said Friday in opening statements.

Murphy, accused of abusing five of his 10 daughters, is "unequivocally" innocent of the charges, attorney Andy Drum-beller said.

Murphy, 56, was a Houston Rockets guard from 1970-83 and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

His daughters say the abuse occurred between 1988 and 1991. Prosecutors say Murphy tried to maintain a public image of having only one family, even though he has 14 children with nine women. He married just one of the women, according to prosecutors, and accepted her "children."

They were taught to lie out in public about their relationship with Calvin Murphy from the day they were born, "Lance Long, Harris County assistant district attorney, told jurors.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
Charlotte	0	1	.000
Washington	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	2	0	1.000
Orlando	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Charlotte	0	2	.000

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	1	0	1.000
Chicago	0	1	.000
Memphis	0	1	.000
San Antonio	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000

### Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Dallas	1	0	1.000
San Antonio	1	0	1.000
Phoenix	0	1	.000
New Orleans	0	1	.000
Houston	0	1	.000

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Portland	1	0	1.000
Utah	1	0	1.000
Denver	0	1	.000
Minnesota	0	1	.000
Seattle	0	1	.000

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000
Phoenix	1	0	1.000
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000
Golden State	0	1	.000
Sacramento	0	1	.000

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Phoenix at Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Orlando at Memphis	1	0	1.000
New York at Chicago	1	0	1.000
Portland at Houston	1	0	1.000
Atlanta at Seattle	1	0	1.000
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000

Saturday's games			
	W	L	Pct
Miami at Washington	1	0	1.000
Orlando at New York	1	0	1.000
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000
Chicago at New Jersey	1	0	1.000
San Antonio at Houston	1	0	1.000
Sacramento at Memphis	1	0	1.000
Memphis at Dallas	1	0	1.000
San Antonio at Seattle	1	0	1.000
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000

Sunday's games			
	W	L	Pct
Portland at Toronto	1	0	1.000
San Antonio at Seattle	1	0	1.000
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000

Monday's games			
	W	L	Pct
L.A. Clippers at Golden State	1	0	1.000
San Antonio at Toronto	1	0	1.000
Portland at Seattle	1	0	1.000
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000









# Louisville outscores Memphis

BY COLIN FLY  
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Louisville and Memphis marched up and down the field all night. All it took to decide the game was Eric Shelton's 1-yard plunge.

Shelton got into the end zone with 37 seconds left Thursday, allowing 14th-ranked Louisville to escape with a 56-49 victory.

The teams combined for 105 points and 1,202 yards, with 15 plays of more than 20 yards.

Louisville, the nation's top offensive team at 506.5 yards a game, was outgained despite rolling up 599 yards. Memphis (5-3, 2-3 Conference USA) finished with 603, including 361 passing.

Shelton ran for 136 yards and four touchdowns and Stefan LeFors threw for three scores and 321 yards for Louisville (6-1, 4-0).

"It was unbelievable. It was a blast," LeFors said. "It was a great game for this team. We pulled through it and it showed a lot about this team's character."

"I wish we could have put up some more points and won the game. I really don't know what to say," Memphis quarterback Danny Wimpire said. "It was a fun game to be in. ... We did some things that were good to see on na-



**Memphis tailback DeAngelo Williams, who entered Thursday's game ranked eighth nationally in rushing (134.4 yards per game) ran for 200 yards and a touchdown in the Tigers' 56-49 loss.**

tional TV, but you hate to lose one like that."

LeFors, the nation's passing-efficiency leader, wasn't as sharp as his 76 percent season completion rate, but he hit on 24 of 34 attempts and three first-half touchdowns without a turnover.

It was a game that featured 10 lead changes, the last when Shelton changed to put the Cardinals ahead 54-49. LeFors ran for the two-point conversion, but the game wasn't over until Louisville's Abe Brown intercepted a pass with 21 seconds left.

"It was a big night for us on the national stage. We earned the right to be here," Memphis coach Tommy Wimpire said. "I think we just got whipped on defense."

See summary on Page 40.

# Johnson in hot pursuit of Cup

## Driver attempting to win fourth consecutive race

BY MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The age-old NASCAR ethic of hard work and patience has helped Jimmie Johnson win three straight races and put him back in the Nextel Cup championship picture.

"We've had to work on our cars each and every race in the last three that we've won and we got it right at the end when it counted," Johnson said.

"It's a lesson we've been through before but, for whatever reason, certain lessons keep surfacing: If we're not the best car in the beginning, it doesn't matter. You just keep working on it."

The consecutive victories at Charlotte, Martinsville and Atlanta have elevated Johnson from ninth place, 247 points off the lead after crashing in the Kansas race on Oct. 10, to second, just 59 points behind Kurt Busch.

Johnson isn't dwelling on his recent success, though. He'd prefer to look ahead to the three races left in the season.

"It's not my style to sit and talk about what we've accomplished. If we're not paying attention to what took place or where we're at, things always work out better for us," Johnson said. "So, it's been a great run of races. We'll just keep plugging away."

A victory Sunday in the Checker Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Raceway would make Johnson the first driver to win four in a row since teammate, friend and car owner Jeff Gordon did it in 1998.

Johnson's charge, combined with the first slip by Busch since the 10-race Chase began, has injected some real drama back into NASCAR's new championship format.

Thanks to Busch's blown engine at Atlanta, where he wound up 42nd — the first time he finished outside the top six since the Chase began — the top five drivers are bunched within 98 points with only Phoenix, Darlington and Homestead remaining on the schedule.

Four-time champion Gordon, four-time series runner-up Mark Martin and fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr., who beat Johnson in last year's race, all remain solidly in the hunt coming to Phoenix, where there have been 14 winners in the 16 years that NASCAR has raced there. Only the late Davey Allison (1991 and 1992) and Jeff Burton (2000 and 2001) have won more than once on the one-mile oval.

Gordon, who has wins at 19 of the 23 tracks currently on the Cup schedule, has never won at Phoenix.

"We always seem to run well, here," he said. "We just haven't closed the deal."

Gordon trails Busch by 72 points but a victory Sunday would go a long way toward earning him a fifth championship.

"The opportunity is still there, we just need to take advantage of it," Gordon said. "I love to see that No. 48 team [Johnson] doing so well but, as a competitor, we need to stop his momentum and gain some of our own. The best way to do that is to win this weekend."

Busch hopes to have something to say about that.

"We stumbled this past week, but we've got three more to go and they're great race tracks for us," he said.

## Nextel Cup glance

### Driver Standings

1. Kurt Busch	6,052
2. Jimmie Johnson	5,993
3. Jeff Gordon	5,980
4. Mark Martin	5,971
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	5,954
6. Tony Stewart	5,907
7. Ryan Newman	5,866
8. Elliott Sadler	5,815
9. Matt Kenseth	5,795
10. Jeremy Mayfield	5,736

### Schedule

Nov. 7	Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Mountain Dew 500, Darlington, S.C.
Nov. 21	Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

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# Venus survives challenge in Philly

The Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Venus Williams became a third-set tiebreaker to defeat 87th-ranked Yuliana Fedak, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4) in the second round of the Advanta Tennis Championships on Thursday night.

Williams, the fifth seed, led 5-1 in the first set but Fedak fought back to force a 5-4 lead.

Fedak easily won the second set and opened a 3-1 lead in the third, but Williams fought back for a 5-4 lead.

"Girls like her come out and have nothing to lose so they go for broke," Williams said. "I don't know if anyone else I'll play in this tournament will play at this high a level."

Defending champion and No. 1 seed Amelie Mauresmo advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Iveta Benesova 6-2, 6-2.

Second-seeded Anastasia Myskina struggled but held on to beat Rossana Nefza-De Los Rios 6-4, 7-6 (7-0).

## Safin beats Hewitt in Paris

PARIS — Marat Safin hit 10 aces and beat Lleyton Hewitt 6-4, 7-6 (2) Friday in a showdown between U.S. Open champions to reach the semifinals of the Paris Masters.

Safin closed in on his third title in the indoor tournament and will meet 13th-seeded Guillermo Canas on Saturday. Canas defeated Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-3.

**NTSB: Hendrick plane failed to climb after attempted landing**  
RICHMOND, Va. — The Hen-



Yuliana Fedak of Ukraine, above, ranked 87th in the world, lost to Venus Williams 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (4) in the Advanta Championships on Thursday night.

drick Motorsports plane that crashed last month and killed all 10 aboard missed the approach to the airport and then failed to immediately climb before crashing into a mountain, according to a preliminary report Friday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the proper procedure after a missed approach at Blue Ridge Regional Airport in Spencer called for the aircraft to maneuver right and climb to 2,600 feet.

Instead, the report said, the Beech 200 King Air descended to 1,800 feet before crashing into the southeast slope of Bull Mountain at an altitude of 2,450 feet.

The plane crashed Oct. 24 en route from Concord, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway. The son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick, patriarch of one of NASCAR's top syndicates, was killed. A pilot for NASCAR star Tony Stewart also was among the dead as was the team's general manager and chief engine builder.

Both pilots were experienced, the report said. It does not draw a conclusion on the cause of the crash but does note the plane's global positioning system was not certified for instrument-only flight and the plane did not have a ground proximity warning system. Witnesses said the mountain was obscured by clouds and fog.

# Hot Steelers zero in on another undefeated team

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

A week ago, the Pittsburgh Steelers faced a daunting double, playing the NFL's two unbeaten teams, albeit at home. They got through the first half by easily beating New England, ending the Patriots' 21-game winning streak, and now get Philadelphia (7-0).

"Don't look for a letdown. 'We'll be fine,' coach Bill Cowher says. 'We aren't going to squander what we have created for ourselves. We'll be ready to go,

trust me.'"

The Eagles are favored by 1½ points, even on the road against a 6-1 team. That's a measure of the regard in which Philadelphia is held against a team that has won five in a row with rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Things are getting harder for the Eagles. They won their first five games by 10 points or more, including wins the first two weeks over the Giants and Vikings, who with Atlanta are the closest teams to them in the NFC. But not too close — all have two losses.

Their past two wins have been a lot tougher, in overtime in Cleveland and 15-10 last week at home over Baltimore. That makes this their third straight game against a team from the AFC North.

There's a personal angle here too, although not as intense as the wounding last week between Terrell Owens and Ray Lewis. Duce Staley, who always thought he was underutilized during seven seasons in Philadelphia, is having an outstanding season as the Steelers' primary running back, averaging 4.7 yards per carry.

So the Steelers give the 72 Dolphins something to cheer about in a season in which they can hardly find anything positive about the current Miami team.

**STEELERS, 10-7.**

Minnesota (10-7) at Indianapolis (Monday night). Peyton Manning is the Colts' star, but he's not yet another shortout for the Colts, who are averaging 31 points a game, best in the league, but surrendering 25, fourth worst. That means the Vikings will score even without Randy Moss. **COLTS, 42-34.**

New England (minus 2½) at St. Louis: The Patriots will be without Ty Law and maybe Corey Dillon, and the Rams will be rested after an off week. But the winning-streak pressure is off now for New England and St. Louis is a model of inconsistency. **PATRIOTS, 24-20.**

Houston (plus 6) at Denver: The Texans are over .500 for the first time in their history. The Broncos



Wide receiver Plaxico Burress celebrates his touchdown during Pittsburgh's victory over previously undefeated New England last weekend. The Steelers (6-1) host the Eagles (7-0) on Sunday.

have played badly in two straight losses. Given the NFL's unpredictability ... **BRONCOS, 20-16.**

Cleveland (plus 6) at Baltimore: The Browns upset the Ravens 20-3 on opening day. ... **RAVENS, 20-3.**

New York Jets (minus 3) at Buffalo: The people who doubt the Jets point to their schedule. All they can do is play the teams the league tells them to. ... **JETS, 24-17.**

Kansas City (minus 3) at Tampa Bay: The Chiefs have scored 101 points in their past two games. Tampa Bay's defense is better than that. ... **CHIEFS, 23-22.**

New Orleans (plus 6) at San Diego: The spread shows how high the Chargers have risen. ... **CHARGERS, 34-24.**

Chicago (plus 9) at New York Giants: In pregame coachspeak, Tom Coughlin makes these Bears sound like the '85 version. Come on, Tom. ... **GIANTS, 27-6.**

Washington (plus 3½) at Detroit: The Redskins got beaten by the zebras last week. This week the Lions will do it. ... **LIONS, 17-12.**

Seattle (minus 7) at San Francisco: Tim Rattay might play for the 49ers, giving them some offense. But not enough. ... **SEAHAWKS, 28-20.**

Dallas (minus 1) at Cincinnati: The Cowboys found their ground game against Detroit. It should be there against the Bengals, too. ... **COWBOYS, 28-20.**

Oakland (plus 6) at Carolina: Extra motivation for the Panthers: John Fox and Al Davis dislike each other. ... **PANTHERS, 27-17.**

Arizona (plus 3) at Miami: When was the last time the Cardinals had more wins than the Dolphins? ... **CARDINALS, 20-10.**

Last week: 9-5 (spread), 9-5 (straight up). Season: 60-54-2 (spread), 76-40 (straight up).

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# Haas leads Tour Champions into

## Woods trails by three after second-round 64

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods showed signs of life as Jay Haas showed no signs of age.

A month from turning 51, Haas finished strong Friday in the Tour Championship by saving par on the 17th from 60 feet away in a bunker, then making a 12-foot birdie putt for a 4-under 66 and a two-shot lead over Stephen Ames.

Not bad for the oldest guy to ever qualify for the Tour Championship.

"Any time I lead is a great feeling at 50, 51, 52, 40, 50, whatever it is," said Haas, who was at 7-under 133. "It's way too early to get too excited about it. But I haven't done it with smoke and mirrors. I've played solid golf, and that gives me encouragement for the weekend."

Woods had reason to be encouraged, too.

Winless for eight months, Woods made two birdies with stunning recovery shots and matched his best score of the year, a bogey-free 64 that left him three shots out of the lead going into the weekend.

Woods hit a low hook off the pine straw with a 6-iron to 20 feet for birdie on No. 5, then made his



Jay Haas, who turns 51 next month, has not won an event in 11 years.

third straight birdie with an 8-iron from 203 yards over the pine trees to 12 feet on No. 16, the toughest hole at East Lake.

"I played myself right back into the tournament," Woods said.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen had a 66 and joined Woods at 4-under 136.

Vijay Singh has some catching

up to do if he wants to end the year with 10 victories. The 41-year-old Fijian took 35 putts on a cool, breezy afternoon and shot 73, ending his streak of 13 rounds at par or better. That left Singh in 17th place among 30 players, seven shots out of the lead.

Singh did not stop to comment, heading to his home on the range.

Almost as impressive as his score was the way Haas finished. The final three holes are among the toughest at East Lake, and they knocked Mike Weir and Zach Johnson off the leader board.

Weir was at 6-under and in the lead until a bogey-bogey-double bogey finish, taking four shots from just behind the 18th green to sink to a 69 and a 2-under total. Johnson was at 5-under until he ran into problems on the 16th, hitting an air ball with his wedge from behind the green and making triple bogey.

Not so for Haas. From 233 yards in the 16th fairway, a 481-yard hole that played into the wind, Haas rapped a 3-iron into about 15 feet and got so excited about that shot that he nearly three-putted, although any kind of par is a relief. From the right bunker on the 17th, he blasted out to 2 feet.

He finished in style with a tricky putt straight down the slope, matching the lowest 36-hole score in the four years the Tour Championship has been played at East Lake.

Now comes the hard part. Haas has accomplished about all he could have imagined in the two years since his career got fresh legs. He played on the Presidents Cup team last year. He became the second-oldest player in the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills in September. He became the oldest player in the Tour Championship, limited to the top 30 players on the money list.

Despite not winning since the Match Play Championship in late February, Woods has been in this position before, but has not been

able to hold onto a 36-hole lead or make up the way Haas finished.

In his first tournament since getting married Oct. 5, the former No. 1 player in the world sounded hopeful. In some of his franchise answers about his swing, he offered no apologies for making a change despite winning eight majors and the Grand Slam.

"If I play my best, I'm pretty tough to beat," Woods said. "I would like to play my best more frequently, and that's the whole idea. That's why I make changes. I thought that I could become more consistent and play at a higher level more often."

"Trust me, I've been down this road before," said Woods, who overhauled his swing after winning the '97 Masters. "I'm starting to see some of the fruits now, which is great."

It certainly showed Friday, when he never came seriously close to making bogey. He still couldn't find the short grass off the tee, hitting only five fairways, but Woods did not repeat what he called "silly mistakes" from the first round, instead keeping the ball on the right side of the green.

### Sorenstam shares lead

OTSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam wrote her quest for a fourth consecutive Mizuno Classic title with an eagle Friday and held a share of the lead after the first round.

The top-ranked Swede carded a 63 and was tied with Japan's Chihiro Nakajima at 9-under at the \$1 million LPGA Tour event. Sorenstam and Nakajima were ahead of Rachel Teague and Aree Song at 66.

## MRI shows slight tear in Moss' hamstring

The Associated Press

EDEEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss had an MRI Thursday on his ailing right hamstring, his first such exam since he was injured last month.

Moss has a slight tear in the hamstring, which likely will keep him back at full speed for three to four weeks. He has appeared briefly in the past two games — though he hasn't caught a pass.

Moss is listed as questionable for Monday night's game at Indianapolis, and coach Mike Tice said he won't announce his decision until just before kickoff.

Running back Mewelde Moore missed his third straight practice Friday with a sprained left ankle and was downgraded to questionable for Monday.

Onterio Smith, reinstated this week after serving a four-game suspension for substance abuse, and Michael Bennett will see action in the backfield Monday.

### Eagles extend Brown's contract; Westbrook expects to play Sunday

PHILADELPHIA — Sheldon Brown signed a six-year extension with Philadelphia on Thursday, keep-

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ing the second-year cornerback with the Eagles through the 2012 season. Brown received a \$7.5 million signing bonus and the contract is worth \$30 million over the six seasons, agent Jason Chayut told The Associated Press.

Brown, a second-round pick in 2002, and Lito Sheppard, a first-round pick that year, have developed into a formidable duo in their first season as full-time starters.

In other Eagles news, leading rusher Brian Westbrook is expected to play against Pittsburgh on Sunday



Brian Westbrook, Philadelphia's rushing leader this year, missed one game with a cracked rib.

### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis:

**Bears:** De Adelewe Ogunleye (ankle) did not practice Thursday; questionable for Sunday; RB Thomas Jones (sprained left big toe) questionable.

**Bills:** WR Josh Reed (knee) and CB Troy Vinson (knee) expected to miss Sunday's game.

**Jets:** LB Sam Cowart (knee) listed as probable; will be game-time decision.

after missing one game with a cracked rib.

"He feels good, so you have to take that into consideration and bank on what the medical people tell you also," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Friday. "Right now we'll play him. He wants to play and he feels good."

Westbrook, who missed last week's 15-10 victory over Baltimore, returned to practice Wednesday. The third-year pro has 458 yards rushing on 90 carries this season, plus 31 catches for 249 yards.

Wide receiver Todd Pinkston (knee) and right guard Hermene Mayberry (calf) practiced Friday. Both are questionable for Sunday.

### Broncos 5 Lynch out for Sunday

DENVER — Denver Broncos safety John Lynch will miss Sunday's game against the Houston Texans with a broken bone above his tailbone.

"John Lynch is getting better, but we won't play him this weekend," coach Mike Shanahan said Friday. "Hopefully, with the bye week and a little recovery time, he will be ready to go against New Orleans."

Denver is off next weekend, then plays at the Saints on Nov. 21.

## Brees: Chargers not sure of QB's future

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Flutie, the 42-year-old third-stringer, said Brees is more confident and decisive.

"But he's the same quarterback," Flutie said. "It's like we are a better football team. Guys are actually open. It's given him the opportunity to show his ability, where the last couple years, it's been tough sledding."

Since Brees turned it on, there hasn't been much talk about the Chargers firing coach Marty Schottenheimer, who has a year to go on his contract, or San Diego's general manager Alex Spanos, who has a year to go on his contract.

And Brees could be helping owner Alex Spanos save millions of dollars if the Chargers' first-round pick next April is lower than their usual top-five choice. The Giants, who owe the Chargers their first-round pick as part of the QB swap, are probably making Spanos happy, too, by starting out 5-2.

The Chargers could designate Brees as their franchise player, but that would require paying him about \$9 million next year.

Coupled with Rivers' salary of just under \$3 million, that would probably be unlikely.

"Obviously, Philip Rivers was drafted to play," left tackle Roman Oben said. "But Drew is only in his fourth year, he's only 25 years old. He has a lot of good football ahead of him, whether it's here or somewhere else."

It's more likely Brees is setting himself up for a nice free-agent contract.

The Chargers aren't saying what they'll do with Brees at season's end, and they really don't have to right now.

"I have steadfastly said that I think Drew Brees is a good quarterback and can be a winning quarterback," Schottenheimer said.

It just might not be here for much longer.

"I'm going to be the future somewhere," said Brees, who understands the business side of the NFL. "I hope it's here. If it's not, it'll be somewhere."

